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Leyland-DAF merger will cut 2,300 jobs

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Leyland Trucks, DAF, the Dutch trucks firm, and Freight Rover are to merge, with the Government's approval, it was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The news came as a surprise to MPs after claims the previous day by Alliance spokesman Mr Malcolm Bruce of leaked information that DAF was to buy the British trucks group outright. DAF will have 60 per cent of the merged company to Leyland's 40 per cent.

The merger was forced on to the agenda for yesterday's Cabinet meeting and approved by ministers only hours before Mr Channon's statement.

Mr Channon confirmed that some 2,300 British jobs would be lost directly and he disclosed in response to questions that heavy engine production for the new company, which it is hoped to float in 1989, will be concentrated in Holland. The profitable Freight Rover van operation, which is to receive funds for a new model range, is included in the deal.

After the furious political outcry a year ago when the Government backed a Rover plan to sell off the trucks business and Land Rover to America's General Motors and were forced to back down, Tory MPs had been braced for another Commons dispute when details of the deal began to leak out in a garbled form. But this time the political handling was far more skilful.

The announcement by Mr Channon that £750 million of accumulated debts by the bus and truck divisions of the Rover Group were to be written off, together with his assertion that the Government was fully committed to the future of Austin Rover as a volume car producer and had given the group everything asked for in its latest corporate plan, helped to head off any serious trouble.

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Mr Channon emphasized that Leyland trucks had been losing £1.5 million a week and that whatever commercial solution had been adopted, there would have had to be a loss of jobs. But Britain is likely to face a challenge within the Common Market over the debts write-off, which some of our competitors are claiming is a disguised subsidy to the company in breach of trade rules.

Mr Channon said that the agreement between Rover and DAF included expansion of truck production at Leyland and of Freight Rover exports. But the Scammell plant in Watford would be closed and the engine and foundry plants at Leyland would be run down and closed by the end of 1988. Those closures will cost 1,700 jobs and a further 560 will go through slimming the Leyland and Albion operations.

He said that the merged company would be the fourth largest in Europe with "the capability to achieve a major presence in the European commercial vehicle market". But he gave a warning that there was still substantial over-capacity in Europe.

Mr John Smith, shadow industry spokesman, complained that MPs were witnessing "the effective surrendering of the control of the British truck and van industry and that is something no Government should be proud of". He asked for an assurance that the stronger links between Rover group and Honda would not lead to a merger on the same lines as the DAF link.

In his statement, Mr Channon said that there never had been any suggestion of Honda merging with the Rover Group.

● Mr George Simpson, Leyland Truck managing director, said the new company promised the best future and opportunity to prosper, but last night unions representing the 7,100 Leyland workers were outraged by what they condemned as a management sell-out.

Since the company shed 1,500 jobs from its Leyland workforce 12 months ago the eight trade unions have formed a committee to fight for remaining jobs.

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Haughey leads with a minority

Mr Charles Haughey becomes Prime Minister of the Irish Republic for the third time next month — but heading a minority government.

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● There is £8,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner yesterday.
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£3bn Tornado deal may go to Japan

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The European-built Tornado strike jet is emerging as a strong contender for a huge Japanese defence contract worth up to £3 billion.

Support is growing within the Japanese Defence Agency and the Air Self-Defence Force for the Tornado which is built by a consortium of British, German and Italian aerospace companies.

And in an attempt to clinch the deal the European nations have offered to bring Japan in as a full member of the consortium to build their own special version of the aircraft.

But if, within the next few weeks, the Japanese choose the Tornado, a new political and commercial "war" between Europe and America seems inevitable.

For America has regarded the Japanese defence market as virtually a "closed shop" and was convinced that if the Japanese decided to buy a foreign aircraft one of their two contenders for the contract — the McDonnell Douglas F18 or the General Dynamics F16 fighters — would automatically be chosen.

In recent weeks, however, salesmen from Panavia — the multi-national organization set up to manage and market the Tornado — have detected a big change in Japanese thinking.

As a result of the new mood the Panavia sales team in Tokyo has been boosted and a range of new options put forward to the Japanese government in a renewed effort to clinch the deal.

Japan first announced that it was considering replacing its ageing Mitsubishi F1 fighter squadrons as long ago as 1979. But budget restraints and arguments about how much could be spent on defence held up the project. Throughout the last seven years, however, Tornado salesmen produced a series of detailed submissions to the Japanese, set up a local office and enlisted the support of senior European government ministers including Mrs Thatcher.

At the same time pressure was growing within Japan itself for their own aerospace industry to be given the contract by building a completely new aircraft.

So far a total of 929 Tornados have been ordered, mainly for the air forces of the three partners.

Mr Kinnock, campaigning in the Greenwich by-election, joined Labour candidate Deirdre Wood yesterday on an earth-mover at a building site for council houses.

'Testimony changed by Reagan'

From Michael Binyon Washington

As the Tower Commission yesterday interviewed Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, at his hospital bedside, potentially damaging new revelations emerged that President Reagan changed his own testimony to the commission on the key issue of when he authorized Iran arms sales.

The three investigators were to have interviewed Mr McFarlane on the day he took an overdose of Valium in an apparent suicide attempt. He has now been in Bethesda naval hospital for more than a week.

Meanwhile, as the commission prepares publication next week of its findings — authoritatively said to be a devastating indictment of the National Security Council and of many leading Administration officials — the *Washington Post* reported yesterday that the President had changed his testimony.

It said that at his first White House meeting he told the commission he approved the Israeli delivery of arms in August 1985, but at his second interview he said he was mistaken and had not given any such approval.

Sources close to the commission say White House officials are increasingly apprehensive, and believe the report may result in criminal charges.

One source called the material "explosive". The commission appears to have gathered more material than any of the congressional committees, with boxes full of White House computer memoranda. One official told the *New York Times* that the formerly secret memos were fast becoming to the Iran-Contra affair what President Nixon's White House tapes were to Watergate.

It appears that many White House officials, in the attempt to work out a public position on the Iran story, communicated with each other on the NSC computer, believing this more secure than the telephone.

Commons truce on personal attacks broken by 'rabble'

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

The late night truce between the Government and opposition Chief Whips to stop personal attacks blew up within hours yesterday amid recriminations and noisy exchanges in the Commons which led the Speaker to tell MPs that they sounded like a rabble.

Mr Kinnock, the subject of a series of vitriolic Commons motions drawn up on Wednesday night but eventually withdrawn after objections from the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, hit back immediately yesterday morning by likening his Conservative adversaries to bananas - thick skinned and yellow - and said that they had slipped from the "gutter to the sewer".

He then went to the Commons where he referred to the Prime Minister as President Reagan's "doormat".

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, meanwhile, cheered on rowdily by her backbenchers, told the Commons that she had often been subject to personal attacks "but had never squealed or complained".

Who does he think he is - calling us a BUNCH of TORIES?
Calman

And Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, entered the fray last night by alleging that the Labour leader was regarded by other countries as "an irrelevance".

But behind the mutual abuse there was obvious concern among MPs, reflected by the actions and words of the Speaker, over the wisdom of the action of Sir Marcus Fox, vice-chairman of the backbench Tory 1922 Committee, in tabling, with the knowledge of at least some of the Government whips, the highly personalized attack on Mr Kinnock.

The latest poll on the Greenwich by-election commissioned by Thames TV from the Harris Research Centre puts the share of votes at Labour 45, Alliance 30 and Conservatives 22 per cent.

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Several Conservative MPs complained yesterday to Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, about the action of their colleagues, and their noisy behaviour in the Commons.

Labour sources were insisting last night that Downing Street had been involved in the drafting of Sir Marcus's motions. This was denied.

Mr Derek Foster, the Labour Chief Whip, demanded to see Mr Wakeham and told him that the motions peddled "lies and smears" about Mr Kinnock. In the meantime the Speaker had had the motions referred up to him by the Commons Table Office and decided, as he told the House yesterday, that they were "irregular".

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Thatcher issues new election hint

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister yesterday gave a new pointer that a general election may not be far away when she released lengthy summaries of her Government's achievements since 1983, and its objectives for the rest of this Parliament.

A similar briefing exercise for MPs and parliamentary candidates limbering up for the campaign trail was conducted shortly before the last election.

The paper summarizing the Government's record, running to some 3,000 words and put out as a written parliamentary answer to a question from Mr Nicholas Soames, Conservative MP for Crawley, asserts progress in virtually every area of national policy.

Among the achievements listed are the lowest inflation and the highest company profitability for 20 years and, since 1983, a growth rate outstripping the rest of the EEC countries, and rising total employment.

It promises the continuation of "prudent and sound" financial policies and moves to overcome unemployment by encouraging initiative and enterprize.

The health service will get "increasing resources", the education system will be improved by giving parents greater power and the rule of law will be vigorously upheld.

Paris talks to bring cut in interest rates

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Prospects for a quick cut in the cost of borrowing in Britain and the rest of the world improved yesterday as the main financial powers unveiled plans for top-level talks this weekend.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will break off from his Budget preparations to go to meetings in Paris of the Group of Seven industrial nations. At the talks, Mr Lawson and his colleagues from the US, West Germany and Japan are expected to announce measures to boost growth in the strong nations to help the weak currencies, especially the dollar.

Japan is expected to cut its interest rates today. The prospect of this made the cost of money fall in the City yesterday to a level indicating lower bank base rates. City economists now think a 1 per cent cut is likely after the Budget or possibly sooner, leading to cheaper mortgages.

But the Government is anxious not to be seen to take the earliest opportunity to bring rates down when uncertainties about inflation remain. Yesterday, the Bank of England acted to discourage an early fall by lending in the money market at a penal rate.

Ministers are conscious that the Government's re-election hopes could be damaged by any serious weakness in sterling and would rather move a little behind the market's expectations than risk being ahead of them. Although the growth figures in the money supply during January showed some improvement, it is too early to be sure that inflationary pressures in the economy are abating.

Prospects for lower interest rates will, however, be helped by any cuts in interest rates overseas. Japan may announce a further cut in its discount rate from 3 per cent to 2½ per cent, which after the cut in West Germany's rates at the end of last month would help to move the general level of world interest rates lower.

Sunday's meeting of the Group of Seven countries will be hoping to reach agreement on co-ordinated measures to keep world exchange rates more stable. The key to stability is the dollar's rate against the mark and yen, which has plunged over the past 18 months in response to the US trade deficit.

Currency markets will be looking for moves to expand the German and Japanese economies and possibly a renewed determination by the US to reduce its budget deficit. A cut in Japanese interest rates would set the meeting off to a good start.

Germany is expected to suggest either a plan to bring forward tax cuts planned for next year into this year or the possibility of making the tax cuts bigger.

The present tax reduction plan of DM19 billion (£7 billion) is in two stages with the second stage worth DM9 billion. This could be reformulated to give a greater stimulus to consumer spending.

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Before the G7 meeting, there will be an informal meeting of the Group of Five — the US, West Germany, Japan, France and Britain.

US officials gave a warning that the meeting might produce only modest results as Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, had failed to convince other countries to introduce a formal system of "reference zones" for leading currencies.

The most likely outcome of the meeting is thought to be a broadly worded agreement on appropriate exchange rates without any commitment to specific zones.

Tories reject claims of low research spending

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday dismissed criticism of the Government's spending on research and development, assuring MPs that it was "at record levels" and higher than Britain's competitors.

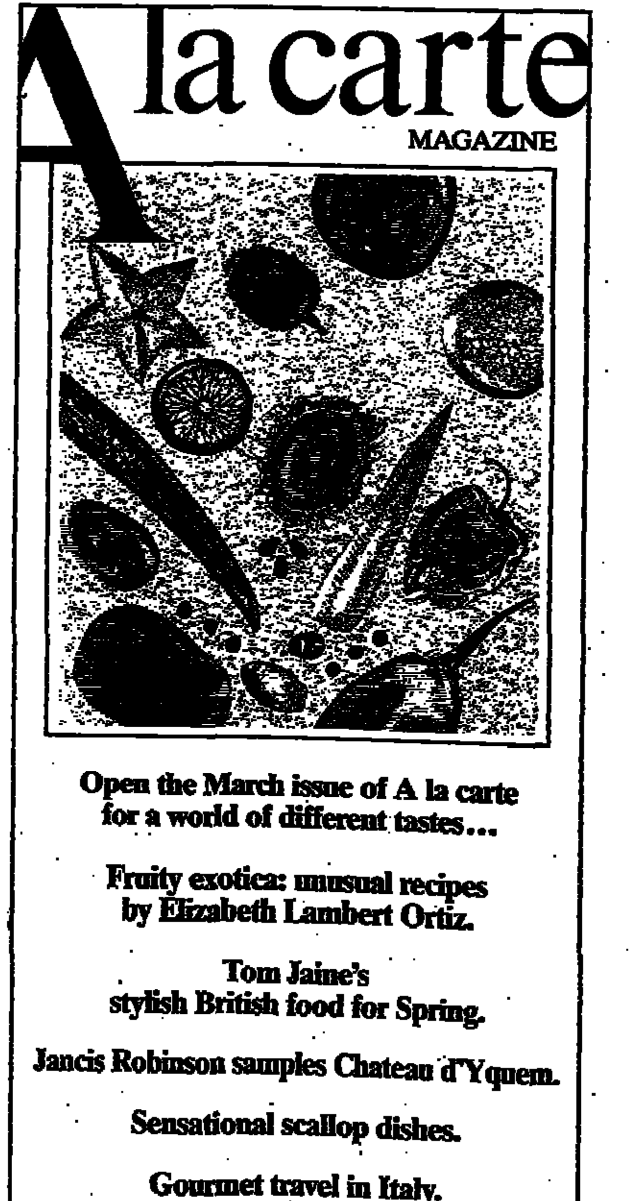
Her remarks during Question Time were followed a few hours later by an equally strong defence by Baroness Hooper, a Government spokesman, who assured peers that civil R & D was given "the necessary high priority".

Both were at odds with the findings of a House of Lords' report which painted a picture of "turmoil and frustration" with the morale of the scientific community at an all-time low.

The report drawn up by an all-party committee of peers with no political axe to grind has touched a raw nerve with the Prime Minister, who has a scientific background, and her Ministers.

During the Lords' debate on the report, Lady Hooper did not answer any of its criticisms or give any indication of the Government's response.

● Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, warned last night that the British people were set to become "the industrial peasantry of the 21st century" unless action was taken.



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Begun pardon confirmed by Kremlin

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin spokesman, confirmed in Moscow yesterday that Mr Iosif Begun, the Jewish dissident, has been pardoned by a decree of the Supreme Soviet.

The announcement cleared up four days of embarrassing confusion about Mr Begun's status. Mr Gerasimov also confirmed the release of Dr Anatoly Koryagin.

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Court puts restrictions on sale of spectacles

By David Cross

Spectacles will no longer be available over the counter to people without eye prescriptions after a High Court ruling in London.

Two judges have ruled that Magnivision NV, a Belgian-based spectacles firm, has contravened the 1958 Opticians Act which states that glasses must be sold under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner or optician.

Magnivision, which has some 90 retail outlets, had argued that the Act contravened the free-trade rules of the EEC.

The prosecution had been brought by the General Optical Council as a test case after a boy aged 13 bought a pair of spectacles from a Magnivision outlet in Cardiff. He was sold the glasses without a prescription after using a simple test card.

Ulstermen stumble on gold mine in the streets

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

The Commons Public Accounts Committee is investigating an 8,774 per cent increase over the past decade in injury compensation payments to Ulstermen who have tripped, or claim to have tripped, over pitfalls in public places such as ill-fitting paving stones.

These payments cost the British taxpayer a remarkable £4,124,000 last year, and at the present rate of increase the amount paid in compensation will soon exceed the £5.4 million spent in Northern Ireland each year on footpath maintenance.

Members of the PAC are in no doubt that the Ulstermen have stumbled on a wonderful ruse to supplement their incomes, and in evidence to the committee Mr Daniel Barry, permanent secretary at Northern Ireland's Department of Environment (DOE) has admitted that there are estates in Belfast where someone from virtually every household had managed to find a convenient paving stone over which to fall.

In five years the number of claims has more than doubled to 5,389. Well under half are rejected. The average cost to the public purse of each settlement, including legal costs, is £1,568, according to the latest Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts.

The PAC was alerted to what some MPs have described as a "clear abuse" by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland, Mr Louis Calvert, who soberly noted in his annual report the DOE's explanation that the increase was caused primarily by "the growing propensity of the public to pursue claims against public authorities".

Mr Barry, in his evidence, went somewhat further. It seems that Northern Ireland courts take a somewhat harsher view than their mainland counterparts over what constitutes an unacceptable pitfall.

It also appears that district offices of the DOE have been told to settle claims of less than £200 to avoid the trouble and expense of going to court — notwithstanding the Department's declared policy to "repudiate spurious and inadmissible claims, reduce inflated claims, and generally to minimise expenditure in this field".

This generosity has clearly not been lost on the people of Ulster, and Mr Barry agreed that there was an urgent need to amend the law.

Mr Robert Sheldon, the committee's Labour chairman, observed drily last night that "tripping over pavements seems to be a more expensive business in Northern Ireland than elsewhere".

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Unite against Aids, says Fowler

Britain needs to unite as a nation in the fight against Aids and to develop a Good Samaritan spirit towards sufferers of the disease, Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday.

Mr Fowler, speaking at a Society of Magazine Editors lunch in London, called for an end to prejudice and discrimination against groups at higher risk, such as drug addicts and homosexuals. "When frightened by the problem of Aids we should not simply cross to the other side of the street. We have a responsibility and a duty towards the victims and we must not treat them as outcasts," he said. "The country must face this challenge as a united nation, preserving our humanity."

In Glasgow, Professor William Jarrett, a leading researcher, said early tests on an Aids vaccine might be attempted on human volunteers within the next year. But he emphasized the vaccine was not being developed to combat sexual transmission, but transmission through needles.

Death list victim

A man jailed as a member of the Irish National Liberation Army but freed two months ago on appeal became the latest victim early yesterday of an INLA feud.

Mr Michael Kearney, aged 33, who was on a death list recently issued by one of the warring factions, had been living away from his wife and five children and was killed when he came out of hiding to visit them.

He was found dead on the pavement in Springhill Avenue in Belfast's Ballymurphy district.

Weapons cache

Police investigating the death of gunman David Gricewith, at Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, a week ago, have recovered another three pistols, two silencers, a pump-action shotgun and three flick knives.

They have added them to six shotguns found buried last Sunday in Dalby Forest near Pickering, North Yorkshire, and the sawn-off shotgun and pistol which Gricewith, aged 38, of Tolthorp, near Easingwold, had with him when he hi-jacked a police panda car last Thursday.

ICI fined £2,000

Imperial Chemical Industries was fined £2,000 by Teesside Magistrates yesterday over a toxic gas leak which killed a worker at the company's Billingham plant. Sixteen others had to be treated in hospital.

The escape of nitrous oxide occurred because the firm used reject material in its fertilizer factory without realizing that it was self-heating, Mr David Kyle, for the Health and Safety Executive, said. The temperature rose rapidly and a toxic cloud drifted about three miles over parts of Middlesbrough.

ICI admitted a breach of safety which led to the death last October of Mr David Moreton, aged 21, an ICI electrician of Edward Street, Seaham, Co Durham.

Happy to go home

Mrs Davina Thompson, who received a new heart, lungs and liver in a triple transplant operation two months ago, has recovered so well that she is to be allowed home today.

Doctors are satisfied that Mrs Thompson, aged 35, is well enough to leave Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, for the first time.

She will return to her family home in Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, during the morning for a re-union with her daughter Stephanie, aged nine. Her husband, Peter, has been staying at the hospital with her.

BBC wins film ban

The BBC won an emergency injunction in the High Court yesterday stopping the Southampton branch of the National Union of Journalists from showing the Zircon spy satellite film, which has been the subject of actions under the Official Secrets Act.

The branch was planning to show the BBC film at a local cinema, but it was ordered to hand over all copies in its possession to the BBC within 24 hours.

Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, said that the BBC clearly held the copyright and was entitled to restrain any breach. The hearing was adjourned for seven days to allow the national union to be represented.

Great Britain.
Not-so-great Britain.
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The Economist asked American journalist, Richard Critchfield, to spend six weeks in this country.

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The Economist

Workers reminisce as Leyland gives way to Daf

By Ian Smith and Derek Harris

Every Thursday, in the social room where the pensioners who built Leyland motors' reputation gather to swap reminiscences, the snooker and domino tables reverberate with an exchange of good humoured insults.

But yesterday, it was pervaded by the same air of gloom which shrouded the small, almost insignificant Lancashire town whose name is known internationally and carried on buses and trucks travelling almost every road in the western world.

After nine decades when Leyland grew from a tin-pot operation in the village smithy to a company currently employing 7,100 men, it looked to company veterans as if the end were at hand.

Inside the mustard-coloured Leyland Motors Social and Athletic Club the mood swung between resignation and anger, acceptance that the local firm's future was now in the hands of another country's businessmen and bitter frustration at its demise.

Mr Ronnie Kean worked at the Leyland foundry for 51 years and still remembers the mornings when a bridge leading to the assembly sites seethed with hundreds of workers who daily travelled from throughout Lancashire to jobs they believed secure.

Mr Kean, now 73, remembers when the workers were on piecework and there was a daily stampede of hungry family men who knew increased productivity meant a fat Friday night wage packet.

Then, he says, things changed and the stampede slowed to a leisurely walk following the introduction of measured work rates. It meant those on night shift were able to complete their assignments by 11.30pm

Down at the Job Centre they waited apprehensively for developments in the Leyland saga which has already over the past 18 months seen a reduction in the workforce of 1,500 people.

Now employment prospects depend on Daf Trucks, founded in 1928 by Hub and Wim van Doorne in Eindhoven, southern Holland. It started life as a designer and maker of trailers and has itself faced financial crises.

Hard-pressed by the world collapse in heavy truck sales in the early 1980s, Daf returned a loss in 1983 but fought back the following year to pre-tax profits which have continued to increase.

Britain is the biggest export market for Daf trucks and there are an estimated 13,000 on Britain's roads. But the company is still probably best known as the one-time manufacturer of Daf cars, a business sold in 1974 to Volvo.

There is a cabs and axles plant at Westerlo in Belgium with another plant in the Netherlands producing aircraft landing gear and specialist military vehicles.

It is because Daf has concentrated on heavier commercial vehicles that the newer ranges of Leyland's lighter vehicles is complementary to Daf products.

Yesterday Daf said there was a firm intention that there would be no job losses in either the Netherlands or Belgium.

Left-wingers hold key to Haughey's government

A minority administration led by Mr Charles Haughey will take office in the Irish Republic next month after an inconclusive general election in which Fianna Fail failed, for the fourth time, to get an overall majority (Richard Ford writes).

The Fianna Fail leader will have to rely on the support of a handful of independents – *including* an extreme republican and left-wingers – for support in the Dail.

A result which many say is the worst possible, from the nation's point of view, means Mr Haughey will have to negotiate to secure his election as Taoiseach (prime minister) when the Dail meets on March 10.

Last night the auction had already begun with minority groups indicating that their support was conditional on the policies and plans Fianna Fail intended to implement.

Two of the independent deputies are opposed to the Anglo-Irish agreement, which Mr Haughey has pledged to do nothing to undermine.

He said his objection to Article One (of the agreement) which, he claims, gives Britain sovereignty over party of the island would be deah with politically rather than tested in the republic's courts.

An assessment of the Fianna Fail leader's attitude to the deal came from the deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party in Northern Ireland, Mr Seamus Mallon, who said Mr Haughey was an astute and pragmatic politician who, he had no doubt, "will huff and puff, but not blow the house down".

The prospect of Mr Haughey returning to power moved the Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, to describe him as openly aggressive and hostile towards the North. Mr Paisley predicted that his election would reinvigorate the "loyalist" campaign against the agreement.

There was unanimous delight among constitutional politicians in Northern Ireland at the failure of Sinn Fein to return any members to the Dail.

SDLP spokesman Mr Austin Currie said Sinn Fein's showing was "pitiful" and demonstrated that it had no mandate whatsoever among the Irish people.

With counting still continuing in vital constituencies early last night, it was clear Mr Haughey would be at least two seats short of the 84 needed for an overall majority. But, given the fragmentation of the opposition between left and right, he may be able to govern successfully for a number of years despite his minority position.

Mr Haughey, aged 61, will benefit initially from the growing consensus that developed during the election – as a result of Dr Garret FitzGerald's insistence on placing the magnitude of the economic crisis before the electorate – that tough measures must be taken.

Yesterday Mr Haughey said: "I intend my government to run its full course. It is going to be a very difficult time and it will be dominated by the economy."

The survivor must now become their saviour

Charles Haughey, the great survivor of Irish politics yesterday savoured a bitter-sweet election triumph that brought him to the premiership for the third time, but without the clear popular mandate he had hoped for (Richard Ford writes).

The election result brings him success, once again, in a political career marred by extraordinary vicissitudes that would have destroyed a man without his determination to *fulfil what he believes is his* destiny as leader of the Irish people.

In 1982 his last administration was dogged by scandal, bad luck and misjudgment. A charge against his agent for voting twice was dismissed, a double murderer was arrested in the flat of his attorney general, journalists' phones were tapped and a cabinet minister used police equipment to bug a colleague.

In the coming months his party, and the nation, will wait to see if the promise of the 1960s will be fulfilled in the poorer climes of the 1980s

Rarely has an Irish politician excited such adulation and loathing, leaving very few neutral about an enigmatic man who, in 30 years, has always been in the headlines.

Yet among his supporters those who know him as "the Boss" or "CJ", he attracts a loyalty and devotion. His opponents grudgingly admire the tenacity with which Mr Haughey has survived.

Despite being a staunch republican – he burnt a Union Jack outside Trinity College on VE Day – Mr Haughey cracked down hard on the IRA during a border campaign when a minister in the sixties.

The last vessel to be built on Teesside, the North Islands, setting sail for Havana, Cuba yesterday. It was built at Smith's Dock and the company will shut down in two weeks. Only a few men such as Mr Christopher Lane remain on the payroll.

Blakelock witness 'terrified'

A key prosecution witness in the Police Constable Blakelock murder trial is living in fear, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Det Chief Supt Graham Melvin, who led the murder investigation, told the jury that Mr Jason Cobham, aged 18, feared "revenge attacks".

Earlier in the trial, Mr Cobham testified that he had seen one of the defendants push his way into the centre of the mob attacking PC Keith Blakelock, aged 40, during the Tottenham disturbances in October, 1985.

Mr Cobham had received letters from the Broadwater Farm defence committee accusing him of being a "hypocrite", Mr Melvin said. He had been under immense pressure. "This is a young man who stood out against others when it was in his interests to say absolutely nothing. He was the first one who was not put off by the climate of fear."

Mr Michael Mansfield, for the defence, has alleged that Cobham had not witnessed the attack on the policeman and had "done a deal with the police".

Mr Cobham, who admitted taking part in the disturbances, denied the suggestion but agreed that he was living in accommodation paid for by the police.

Six people deny murder, riotous assembly and affray. They are Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Broadwater Farm Estate; Mark Braithwaite, aged 19, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington; Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Partridge Way, Wood Green, all north London; two juveniles aged 15, and another aged 16.

The trial was adjourned after a woman juror became ill.

Refugee battle

Tamils threaten street protests

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Tamils threatened yesterday to demonstrate in London as indignation grew in their community about the fate of 58 would-be refugees.

The Home Office is preparing to fight a legal battle to prevent them being allowed into Britain, and the 58 will be detained until their future is resolved.

Mr Sinnappu Maharasingam, chairman of the Tamil Action Committee, said the community was appealing to the Government to admit the 58, saying Tamils here would accept them and look after them.

"Otherwise the community will be taking to the streets and demonstrating.

"We are planning this weekend to discuss demonstrations – picketing the Home Office at Queen Anne's Gate and Lunar House, Croydon."

Mr Pat Mylvaganam, a Tamil-speaking Sri Lankan who is counsellor for the Tamil Refugees Organization, threw more light on the rackets victimizing would-be refugees. "On average the cost to a passenger is something like £1,500 to £1,800. All documents are provided by the agent with strict instructions not to reveal his name," he said.

According to British Airways, the cheapest single fare from Sri Lanka to London, which needs to be booked at least 14 days before departure, varies from £282 to £302 depending on the season.

Last night the Malaysian High Commission last night expressed deep concern over reports alleging involvement of Malaysians with the arrival in the UK of the Tamils.

The Commission said that the Malaysian Government would not allow the use of Malaysian territory as a transit point by anyone promoting improper entry of foreign nationals to the United Kingdom or any other country.

Thousands of Tamils, an ethnic minority in Sri Lanka, have fled the island, mostly to Western countries, to escape the conflict between government security forces and separatists seeking an independent Tamil homeland.

The Sri Lankan Government said yesterday that the 58 could return to Sri Lanka if they had valid travel documents.

In a separate case yesterday, which is expected to have wide implications for would-be entrants to Britain, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, won backing in the House of Lords for his right to evict illegal immigrants without appeal.

Five Law Lords confirmed his power to return them to the country from where they came. It is only when they are out of the country that any appeal procedure can be started.

Lords Bridge, Brandon, Templeman, Griffiths and Goff dismissed appeals by three men who claimed that the immigration rules prohibited their removal unless and until the courts had ruled on their claims to be refugees.

Mr Huseyin Bugdacay, who came from Turkey as a student, Mr Michael Nelidow-Santis, who came from Chile on holiday, and Mr Daniel Norman, who came from Ghana on business, must now go back

Lord Bridge said that if appeals by illegal entrants were allowed, every refugee who arrived in this country and was refused entry would also have the right of appeal.

BT unions accused of hypocrisy

British Telecom last night accused unions of "pure hypocrisy" after allegations that customers will be overcharged for telephone calls because of problems arising out of their recent strike (Tim Jones writes).

Mr Alan Chamberlain, secretary of the British Telecommunications Union Committee, claims that during the dispute, Telecom "dumped" reports of faults made by customers who would now have to contact the company again before repairs could be carried out.

The company said: "Unions which took industrial action showed scant concern for the well-being of customers when they stopped work. Their present comments sound like pure hypocrisy."

The company had already stated that customers who felt entitled to a rebate should send a written claim to their local telephone office.

Four soldiers injured in training blast

An investigation was ordered by the Ministry of Defence yesterday after four soldiers were badly injured when a grenade exploded during a training exercise.

Two of the soldiers lost a hand, a third suffered stomach and facial injuries and the *fourth, head and facial* injuries. They were taken by helicopter from the training ground near Brecon, Powys, to hospital in Hereford. One of the soldiers was said to be in a critical condition.

An Army spokesman said: "Dealing with unexploded grenades is a routine part of the course. It is part of safety training and we are investigating what happened."

Recounts still in progress

The following were elected to the Dail:

Carlow-Kilkenny: (5 seats) Liam Aylward (FF); M J Nolan (FF); Kieran Crotty (FG); Seamus Pattison (Lab); Martin Gibbons (PD).

Cavan-Monaghan: (5) John Wilson (FF); Rory O'Hanlon (FF); Jimmy Leonard (FF); Andrew Boylan (FG); Tom Fitzpatrick Ceann Comhairle (speaker) elected automatically.

Clare: (4) Brendan Daly (FF); Sile de Valera (FF); Donal Carey (FG); Madeliene Taylor-Quinn (FG).

Cork E: (4) Michael Ahern (FF); Ned O'Keefe (FF); Paddy Hegarty (FG); Joe Sherlock (WP). **Cork North Central:** (5) Count continuing. **Cork NW:** (3) Donal Moynihan (FF); Donal Creed (FG); Frank Crowley (FG). **Cork South Central:** (5) Count continuing. **Cork SW:** (3) Joe Walsh (FF); Jim O'Keefe (FG); T J Sheehan (FG).

Donegal NE: (3) Hugh Conaghan (FF); Paddy Harte (FG); Neil Blaney (independent FF). **Donegal SW:** (3) Pat Gallagher (FF); Mary Coughlan (FF); Dinny McGinley (FG).

Dublin Central: (5) Recount in progress. **Dublin N:** (3) Raphael Burke (FF); G V Wright (FF); John Boland (FG). **Dublin North Central:** (4) Charles Haughey (FF); Vincent Brady (FF); George Birmingham (FG); Richard Bruton (FG). **Dublin NE:** (4) Recount in progress. **Dublin NW:** (4) Michael Barrett (FF); Jim Tunney (FF); Mary Flaherty (FG); Proinsias de Rossa (WP). **Dublin S:** (5) Seamus Brennan (FF); Tom Kitt (FF); John Kelly (FG); Allan Shatter (FG); Anne Colley (PD). **Dublin South Central:** (5) Ben Briscoe (FF); Mary Mooney (FF); Gay Mitchell (FG); Fergus O'Brien (FG); Frank Cluskey (Lab). **Dublin SE:** (4) Gerard Brady (FF); Garret FitzGerald (FG); Ruairi Quinn (Lab); Michael McDowell (PD). **Dublin SW:** (4) Sean Walsh (FF); Chris Flood (FF); Mervyn Taylor (Lab); Mary Harney (PD). **Dublin W:** (5) Brian Lenihan (FF); Liam Lawlor (FF); Jim Mitchell (FG); Pat O'Malley (PD); Tomás MacGiolla (WP).

Abbreviations: FF, Fianna Fail. FG, Fine Gael. PD, Progressive Democrats. Lab, Labour. WP, Workers Party.

Dun Laoghaire: (5) David Andrews (FF); Monica Barnes (FG); Sean Barrett (FG); Barry Desmond (Lab); Geraldine Kennedy (PD).

Galway E: (3) Michael Kitt (FF); Noel Treacy (FF); Paul Connaughton (FG). **Galway W:** (5) Count continuing.

Kerry N: (3) Dennis Foley (FF); Jimmy Deenihan (FG); Dick Spring (Lab). **Kerry S:** (3) John O'Leary (FF); John O'Donoghue (FF); Michael Begley (FG).

Kildare: (5) Paddy Power (FF); Charlie McCreevy (FF); Alan Dukes (FG); Bernard Durkan (FG); Emmet Stag (Lab).

Laois-Offaly: (5) Ger Connolly (FF); Liam Hyland (FF); Brian Cowen (FF); Tom Enright (FG); Charles Flanagan (FG).

Limerick E: (5) William O'Dea (FF); Michael Noonan (FG); Desmond O'Malley (PD); Peader Clohessy (PD); Jim Kemmy (Democratic Socialist Party). **Limerick W:** (3) Gerard Collins (FF); Michael Noonan (FF); John McCoy (PD).

Longford-Westmeath: (4) Albert Reynolds (FF); Mary O'Rourke (FF); Henry Abbott (FF); Patrick Cooney (FG).

Lough (4) Dermot Ahern (FF); Seamus Kirk (FF); Brendan McGahon (FG); Michael Bell (Lab).

Mayo E: (3) Sean Calleary (FF); P J Morley (FF); Jim Higgins (FG). **Mayo W:** (3) Padraigh Flynn (FF); Denis Gallagher (FF); Enda Kenny (FG).

Meath: (5) Noel Dempsey (FF); Colm Hilliard (FF); Michael Lynch (FF); John Bruton (FG); John Farrelly (FG).

Rosscommon: (3) Recount in progress.

Sligo-Leitrim: (4) Matthew Brennan (FF); Ray MacSharry (FF); John Ellis (FF); Ted Nealon (FG).

Tipperary N: (3) Michael O'Kennedy (FF); Michael Smith (FF); Michael Lowry (FG). **Tipperary S:** (4) Noel Davern (FF); Sean McCarthy (FF); Brendan Griffin (FG); Sean Treacy (Independent).

Waterford: (4) Jackie Fahey (FF); Brian Swift (FF); Austin Deasy (FG); Martin Cullen (PD). **Wexford:** (5) John Browne (FF); Hugh Byrne (FF); Avril Doyle (FG); Ivan Yates (FG); Brendan Howlin (Lab). **Wicklow:** (4) Dick Roche (FF); Joe Jacob (FF); Gemma Hussey (FG); Liam Kavanagh (Lab).

TUC chief condemns violence

By Tim Jones

The TUC yesterday called for stiffer sentences against perpetrators of violence in the workplace.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary, told a one-day union conference that there were at least six attacks such asthe one on Jan Leeming, the BBC newscaster, every day in Britain.

The newscaster is recovering after being attacked by men who evaded security at the corporation's headquarters in London last weekend.

Mr Willis said: "We want those guilty of assault on our members to be caught and punished and dealt with in a positive way so they do not offend again".

He said that violent crime had filled people with fear and misery. "The plain fact is that ordinary men and women doing essential work for the community daily run the risk of serious injury or even death."

He suggested there was a connection between mindless brutality and the promotion of selfishness and me-first attitudes. Whatever the roots of crime, the TUC did not support violence or condone it in any way.

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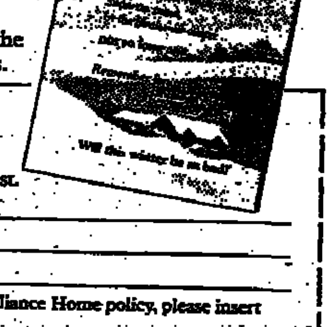

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Two men jailed for part in bugging of Seychelles exile

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Two private detectives who tapped telephone calls made by Mr Gerard Hoarau, the assassinated exiled Seychelles political leader, were jailed yesterday at the Central Criminal Court, after being convicted of obstruction or corruption charges linked to the bugging.

A former British Telecom engineer was given a suspended prison sentence for accepting £700 for setting up the bugging operation on the north London house used by Mr Hoarau.

The Seychelles politician, leader of a resistance movement called MPR, died on November 28, 1985, when he was shot while returning from a doctor's appointment.

At the start of the trial last week the Crown emphasized that it was not suggested the three were in any way connected to the killing.

William Underwood, aged 59, a private detective, from Twickenham, south-west London, was given a 12-month sentence, including three months suspended, for obstructing the course of justice by removing bugging equipment after the shooting.

David Coghlan, aged 45, a private detective, of Prestwick, Manchester, convicted of two counts of making corrupt payments, was given two sentences of six months to run concurrently, with two months suspended in each.

David Richards, aged 44, the former telephone engineer, was given two four-month prison sentences to run concurrently and suspended for 12 months. Richards and Coghlan were acquitted of conspiring to obstruct justice.

None of the three could be charged under the new Interception of Communications Act because the bugging took place before the Act came into effect. When the men were charged it was decided that the Wireless Telegraphy Act offered penalties which were too small.

Sentencing Underwood, Mr Justice Potts told him he accepted the point that he had no knowledge of the plot to kill Mr Hoarau and that "until the killing occurred you had no knowledge that the operation you had arranged in Edgware would have that result".

The judge said that he was not sentencing him for the bugging either. But by the evening of the day Mr Haorau was killed "you knew, I have no doubt whatsoever, that the operation you had set up had played a part, or was likely to have played a part in the death of the man. I proceed on the basis that you must have known it might have played a part."

By removing equipment from the house used for the bugging, Underwood must have known it could have been of the greatest interest to the police, the judge said.

When interviewed by police he had lied and concealed things from them. The judge said that watching him during the trial he did not think he had been frank with the court either. "I use the expression 'frank'. Others might be blunter."

The prosecution could not show Underwood's actions had impeded the police inquiry but people should cooperate with the police. Underwood had done the opposite.

The judge told Coghlan that he thought he had corrupted the engineer. Richards was told: "You knew perfectly well what you were doing and received money on a corrupt basis".

Scotland Yard detectives suspect that Mr Hoarau died at the hands of an agent of the Seychelles government, the day before the exiled leader was due to move to a new safe house in London.

The order to kill is thought to have come after evaluation of material provided by the bugging operation. Mr Hoarau was suspected of plotting a fresh coup.

The bugging team had been monitoring the Seychelles exile movement for months, listening to telephone calls from the Hoaran home since the spring of 1985, calls from the house of another Seychelles exile near by and a telephone kiosk they used as a security precaution.

Packages of tape recordings were airfreighted to the Seychelles for evaluation.

The information gathered by the bugging team, paid about £9,000 for equipment and work, unwittingly provided the intelligence which placed a killer with a Sterling sub-machine gun outside Mr Horau's temporary home.

At the beginning of the trial the prosecution underlined the three were not connected to the shooting but the bugging was being carried out on behalf of the Seychelles government.

Mr Hoarau had been linked to attempts by mercenaries to take over the island in 1981, and three years later.

The bugging team operated by fixing a short-wave transmitter to a junction box which connected to Mr Hoarau's telephone. They started by working from a car, and then were set up in a house close to the Hoarau home.

Two days before his death an appointment was made for Mr Hoarau, aged 34, to receive an influenza vaccination. As he returned to Greencourt Avenue, Edgware, he was struck by three bullets from a sub-machine gun. The assassin and an aide had been seen loitering in the street a few minutes earlier.

No evidence was found that the bugging team recorded that particular appointment being arranged. The gunman vanished without trace. Detectives from the Yard's anti-terrorist squad investigated how he could have been waiting to strike. They checked the telephone and a junction box on a telephone pole near by.

The search revealed a transmitter and the police traced this to the bugging team through the manufacturer.

Police would like to question a fourth Briton, Mr Ian Withers, who ran a private detective agency and was the man named in court as allegedly initiating the bugging. He has admitted organizing the 1982 bugging.

Mr Withers, aged 44, a former policeman, who admits working for the Seychelles government as a security consultant until last March, was on the island at the time of the shooting.

Mrs Margaret Hughes says a tearful goodbye to her daughter Marsele at Strasbourg airport yesterday.

Mothers win right to see children

After a brief, bizarre and emotional family reunion the two daughters of Mrs Margaret Hughes, one of a group of women in the "mothers of Algeria" case, flew back to Algiers from Strasbourg yesterday with their fathers and a posse of Algerian officials (Richard Owen writes).

But Mrs Hughes, who had not seen her daughters for six years, said an agreement had been reached with the Algerian authorities guaranteeing her, and three French mothers in the same predicament, regular access

Mrs Hughes, who was married to an Algerian but has remarried and lives in Jersey, had joined a group of mostly French women marching from Paris to Geneva to publicize their plight. All the women had married Algerians who, when the marriages broke up, took the children back to Algeria and refused access. Mrs Hughes, who comes from Glasgow, was granted custody of Marsele, aged 13, and Karen, aged 10, in the Scottish courts, but the Algerian authorities refused to recognize this.

Mrs Hughes and the other mothers had not expected to see their children, but when the women arrived at the European Parliament to plead their case the Algerians became alarmed at the adverse publicity and agreed to send the children — with their fathers — to Strasbourg.

Duress no defence in murder trials

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Lords overturned a 1975 decision yesterday when they ruled unanimously that murderers or people who aided and abetted a murder could not claim as a defence that their crimes were committed under duress.

The five Law Lords, led by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, rejected appeals by four convicted killers who claimed they should have been acquitted of murder because they acted under the orders of other men and feared for their lives

Lord Hailsham said that if those accused of murder were allowed to plead that they had acted under pressure, it would mean that Nazi war criminals sentenced to death at Nuremburg were themselves the victims of "judicial murder"

The decision reversed a ruling made in 1975 in a Northern Ireland case in which duress was made available as a defence to someone who aided and abetted a murder.

Lord Hailsham said: "In the present case, the overriding objects of the criminal law must be to protect innocent lives and to set a standard of conduct which ordinary men and women are expected to observe if they are to avoid criminal responsibility".

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New ruling on death in custody of 'Angel'

A jury at the second inquest on Hell's Angel Mr John Mikkelsen, who died in police custody, waa directed yesterday to return a verdict of misadventure. An earlier verdict of unlawful killing by neglect had been quashed in the High Court.

Mr Mikkelsen, aged 34, of Salters Road, North Kensington, west London, a member of the Windsor chapter of the Angels, died in West Middlesex Hospital in July 1985 shortly after being taken in police custody to Hounslow police station, after an incident with two other Hell's Angels at Feltham.

Mr Frederick Krafft claimed he saw police repeatedly hitting his son Alan and Mr Mikkelsen with truncheons at the scene.

Dr David Paul, the Hornsey Coroner, said Mr Alan Krafft's general attitude and response at being questioned about a car meant there was no doubt the arrest was lawful. There was "no evidence whatsoever" that the police used unreasonable force.

"My responsibility is to take away from you the verdict of unlawfully killed by a positive act.

"There is no question of you deciding that Mikkelsen's subsequent death was as a result of an active unlawful act at the scene."

For a verdict of unlawfully killed by neglect, the standard of proof "must be very high".

"You must be sure that an officer or a number of officers had the duty of the care, health and welfare of Mikkelsen; that the officer or officers failed to do what he or they ought to have done and that failure was a subsequent cause of Mikkelsen's death."

They also had to be sure that the police had acted recklessly. This was a very gross degree of lack of care.

Art thefts fixed by businessman

A successful businessman who had paintings stolen to order was jailed for eight years yesterday.

Police found £400,000 worth of stolen goods, including many art objects, at James Jack's home.

Lord Sutherland told Jack at the High Court in Edinburgh: "I find it difficult to see why you thought it necessary to receive all this stolen property when it appears that you ran successful businesses and could have afforded to buy them."

Jack, aged 47, of Arnot Tower, Scotlandwell, Tayside, even paid a thief to steal two paintings which he admired from his solicitor's home, he said.

Mr Colin MacAulay, for the prosecution, said that Jack, a director of three companies, had business interests including nursing homes and a leisure park. Police found £52,000 in a safety deposit box.

Jack admitted 36 charges of reset, one of housebreaking and theft, and a firearms charge.

Police officers found his home was filled with valuables. A video film was made and shown on the BBC *Crimewatch* programme, and there were many calls from owners.

The thefts stretched back to 1969 and the haul included many paintings, among them a Whistler watercolour worth £100,000 and a Millais valued at £50,000.

Kate Adie wins top TV award

The television industry rallied to the defence of its own last night as the Royal Television Society gave Miss Kate Adie, the BBC reporter, its highest award for international news coverage for her reporting of the American bombing raid on Libya.

The award was seen as a slap in the face to Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, who complained that the BBC's reporting of the event was biased.

Her work was termed "a fine piece of reporting in perhaps the most difficult of all situations".

Other awards: Television Journalist of the Year, Mr John Suchet of Independent Television News, who covered the overthrow of President Marcos in the Philippines; Home Current Affairs, BBC-1's *Panorama*, for its programme on the John Stalker affair; International Current Affairs, BBC-1's *Everyman*, for its report on the Afghanistan war; Cameraman of the Year, Mr Mike Inglis of ITN, for his coverage of the Wapping dispute.

Home News: ITN, for *Evelyn Holmes — Britain's Most Wanted Woman*; Judges' Award, Miss Esther Rantzen, for "her single-minded devotion to use the reach of television to help the powerless and disadvantaged".

Granada Reports was named Regional Daily News Magazine of the Year; London Weekend Television's *London Programme* received the regional current affairs award for *Death of a Hell's Angel*.

Doctor calls for winter holidays on the NHS

Doctors should be able to prescribe therapeutic winter holidays in the sun on the National Health Service for people with stress disorders, a leading specialist claimed yesterday (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Dr Malcolm Carruthers, director of clinical services at the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals in London, said that much stress related sickness and many psychosomatic disorders could be treated more cost-effectively by spending a week in the sun rather than two or three days in hospital.

"The cost of admitting someone to a London teaching hospital is more than £100 per day, not including the price of treatment", Dr Carruthers said. "For every two or three days spent in hospital, someone could spend two weeks in ideal conditions abroad for the same price."

But Dr Carruthers, who is also director of the Positive Health Centre in Harley Street, central London, emphasized that an unhealthy holiday could often result in raised stress levels, nervous exhaustion and upset body systems.

To get the maximum health benefit a holiday destination should be easy to get to and be within the same time zone.

Bail for four football fans

By Harry Debelius

A magistrate in the northern Spanish town of Tolosa set bail at 50,000 pesetas (£262) yesterday for each of four British football supporters held concerning incidents on a train travelling to Madrid. Eight others were set free.

The 12, who were travelling to Madrid for England's friendly international against Spain on Wednesday, were taken off the express the previous day by the Basque regional police force and held in Tolosa after a complaint by employees of the state-owned railway system.

The incidents allegedly involved attacking the ticket collector and pretending to throw him off the train, throwing bottles and tins around the train, and annoying passengers.

Six of the eight England supporters arrested after a disturbance in Burgos, northern Spain, before the international, may be freed tomorrow, after 72 hours in custody, according to the British Embassy in Madrid.

Mr Roland Boyes, Labour MP for Houghton and Washington, and lifelong supporter of Sunderland FC, yesterday demanded new laws giving power to the courts to withdraw the passports of football supporters convicted of violence in foreign countries.

He said he would be tabling a question to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, requesting action "as a matter of the utmost urgency".

"We cannot risk having our national team banned. It would be a great humiliation and we cannot allow a handful of thugs to have unrestricted travel throughout the world, bringing disgrace to the team, to the sport and to Britain," he said.

● A bus carrying British football supporters crashed on a snowy highway in Burgos yesterday, seriously injuring the coach driver and two passengers, and delaying the return home of about 40 other passengers.

Police said that 15 more passengers were treated and released from a Burgos hospital.

The bus collided in the early hours with a tractor trailor on the city's snow-covered ring road.

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Sex film decision under fire

The Prime Minister said during question time that it was disgraceful that a few left-wing teachers in the Inner London Education Authority should attempt to jeopardize children's safety by refusing to let them see a video warning of the risks of sex attacks.

Mr William Cash (Stafford, C) had asked: Does she share my deep concern that certain left-wing teachers have banned a video in London, which would have enabled children to be properly informed about sex attacks, simply because the police recommended that it should be shown?

Mrs Thatcher: Parents will be rightly appalled that children are to be at risk because of this anti-police demonstration by left-wing teachers.

UK research is defended

Britain had a much better record than its leading competitors in funding research and development, the Prime Minister said in question time.

Mr Nigel Forman (Carshalton and Wallington, C) asked her "to consider the disappointing level of civilian research and development in this country".

Mrs Thatcher: Government expenditure on research and development is at a record level. United Kingdom-funded civilian research and development, as a proportion of national output, exceeds that of Japan and the United States. Our proportion spent on all research and development exceeds that in Germany.

Spending on technology

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, replying to a question from Lord Hatch of Lusby (Lab), defended the Government's spending on training for new technology during questions. The Manpower Services Commission, he said, spent £30 million a year on such initiatives as part of its £1.5 billion training budget.

Less radiation in sheep

Questioned in the Commons about sheep and lambs contaminated by radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said that radiocaesium levels in most sheep within the restricted areas in Cumbria, Wales and Scotland were stable or declining slowly.

"Extensive live monitoring of sheep which have left the areas has demonstrated that levels fall rapidly when the sheep graze uncontaminated pasture." About 42,000 of the sheep had been tested up to now and less than 0.1 per cent had failed.

Suppliers may be sold off

A study by Samuel Montagu and Cooper and Lybrand of the feasibility of privatizing the Crown Suppliers is to cost £97,600 plus expenses, Mr Christopher Chope, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a written reply.

Food is safe

The level of mercury found in food and drink in this country was less than one-tenth of the safety level recommended by the World Health Organization, Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during Commons questions.

Opposition outrage at Leyland Truck sale

As had been widely predicted, Leyland Truck and Freight Rover, the British commercial vehicle companies, are to join with DAF, the Dutch lorry, coach and car builders, to form a new Anglo-Dutch joint venture, MPs were told.

The Commons announcement by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of Trade and Industry, was greeted with cheers from Conservative MPs but protests from the Opposition.

Mr Channon said that more than 2,200 jobs would be lost as a result of the rationalization of Austin Rover, but her foresaw the company continuing as an important car producer and exporter.

Mr Channon said: I am pleased to be able to announce today the Government's approval of the Rover Group's 1987 corporate plan. The plan is reviewed annually to cover a rolling period of five years ahead; the strategy in this plan, which relates to the period 1987-91, will evolve in that period to meet market developments.

The plan sets out a positive course for the continuation of Austin Rover as a major producer and leading exporter of cars made in Britain. The programme of model collaboration with Honda will be taken forward with a new medium-size car — AR8 — for which a manufacturing agreement should shortly be concluded.

The future relationship between the companies will of course continue to develop in the light of experience, but it is the intention of both companies that the relationship should be a long-term one and should endure beyond the life of existing design and production contracts.

The corporate plan provides for the new K series engine to be taken forward to full production and used in Austin Rover's smaller-engine cars.

Following negotiations, Rover Group and DAF have proposed that Leyland Trucks, DAF Trucks, and Freight Rover shall combine to form a new Anglo-Dutch joint venture.

As recommended by the Rover Group board, the Government has accepted the proposals which create a company with the capability to achieve a major presence in the European commercial vehicle market.

These proposals build upon important existing distribution links between companies. RG will take a 40 per cent shareholding in the new grouping based on the value of the assets they bring to the merged operations and will have board representation. DAF will hold the remaining 60 per cent. Market conditions permitting, it is the firm intention of RG and DAF to float the company within two to three years.

Within the joint company Freight Rover, who are planning to invest in a major model replacement programme, will continue to manufacture vans at its Common Lane site in Birmingham. Leyland will continue as the focal point for truck manufacture in the UK, and I expect the Albion plant to have a continuing role in the joint operation as a producer of axles.

The Scammell plant at Watford will be closed and its production transferred to to Leyland.

The engine and foundry plant at Leyland will not be part of the new company and activities will be gradually run down for closure by the end of 1988. Some 1,700 jobs will be lost through these closures and a further 560 through slimming of the Leyland and Albion operations. Employment levels at Freight Rover are expected to be maintained.

As part of the restructuring, the Government intends to write off the accumulated debts from Leyland Bus and Leyland Trucks left in Rover Group, and the restructuring costs resulting from their sale.

The Government intends to provide up to £760 million for this purpose. I am laying an order today under the Industry Act, 1980, and Rover Group will hold a general meeting in March.

In short these proposals will:

- Give the go-ahead to Rover's corporate plan;
- Safeguard the manufacture of trucks within the UK in the context of a new European joint venture;
- Free Rover Group from the accumulated debt of the truck and bus businesses.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that there was dismay in many parts that 2,400 jobs would go, that the engine plant at Chorley would disappear completely and that the Scammell plant at Watford was to be transferred.

Could the House be assured that the stronger links envisaged with Honda would not lead to a similar arrangement on the lines proposed between Leyland vehicles and DAF? What of the future development of Land-Rover on which the statement remained significantly silent?

DAF would have clear control of future operations. DAF's annual report in 1985 had stated that the company would maintain its independence and its own engineering capability. DAF seemed to have achieved its objective. What had the British Government achieved?

Freight Rover was a very successful company with increasing sales and an increasing workforce. Was its inclusion in the deal a sweetener for DAF? It appeared that control of Leyland vehicles was being surrendered because it was making a loss, but control of Freight Rover was being surrendered because it was making a profit.

If and when the flotation occurred, what would happen to the proceeds of the 40 per cent share? Would it go to the taxpayer or would it be used to finance future development of Austin Rover?

"Is it not the case that what we are witnessing today is the effective surrendering of control of the British truck and van industry and that is something no government should be proud of?"

Mr Channon said that Mr Smith was not living in the real world. From the questions it would not be apparent that the lorry business had been losing £1.5 million a week and £300 million over the past five years.

What had been achieved was a situation where there would a European operation with a turnover of £1,000 million which made it the fourth largest lorry company in Europe. That was good news for the lorry industry in this country, not bad.

There would be firm plans for the future of Freight Rover with design and development of a new range of models and with an opportunity to develop a substantial export business. By the 1990s there was a chance that exports would amount to 20 to 25 per cent of production.

There was no suggestion of a Honda merger with Austin Rover.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP), Alliance spokesman on trade and industry, said the announcement about the trucks division was a sad epitaph to the eight years the Government had been responsible for British Leyland.

Mr Robert Atkins (South Ribble, C) said that the deal offered the best possible future for those working in Leyland since the alternative of remaining in the Rover Group was simply unacceptable.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher asserted during Prime Minister's questions that she has never "squealed or complained" about attacks made on her by the Opposition.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) had suggested that she had made an ass of her Chief Whip (Mr John Wakeham) on Wednesday night by allowing 10 Downing Street to by-pass him and use Mr Tristan Garel-Jones (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, and a senior whip) to arrange for a motion to be tabled, attacking Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader.

Mrs Thatcher: May I make it absolutely clear that I, for one, welcome the agreement reached by the Government Chief Whip and the Opposition Chief Whip (Mr Derek Foster) that we should concentrate on policy matters. "I have always tried to do that and shall continue to do so."

Amid general uproar in the chamber, Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) twice called out: "What about Edwina Currie?"

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) called for order and added: "It sounds like a rabble".

Thatcher and Younger disagree, says Labour

PRIME MINISTER

Returning to the subject of American research into space weapons, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, used the occasion of Prime Minister's question time in the Commons to challenge Mrs Thatcher once again about her interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

Mr Kinnock asked: Is she aware that the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr George Younger) said in Washington yesterday that if any part of the SDI programme we are involved in went, in our view, outside the treaty we would not want to be involved. Is that now the position also of the Prime Minister or is she going yet again to be the presidential doormat?

Mrs Thatcher replied: I think he would do well to consult with Mr Younger to see exactly what he did say and he will find it does not resemble exactly what Mr Kinnock said.

The position is as I have outlined it. We have no locus to interpret the treaty; deployment is clearly a matter for negotiation as we have agreed; we have received very satisfactory assurances from the United States that there will be consultations about any significant change of policy in relation to SDI research; and the Government fully supports the SDI research programme permitted by the treaty as it is vital that the West should always be at the forefront of technology.

Mr Kinnock: She should consult with Mr Younger as clarity is important. Is she aware that when he was asked yesterday what he would do if the US said they wanted to test SDI technology in space Mr Younger said: "The outcome might be we agree with what was proposed or we might not agree"?

Since on Tuesday the Prime Minister started off supporting the narrow interpretation of the treaty and by the end of question time she supported the broad interpretation, exactly where does she stand?

Mrs Thatcher: He suggested I should consult with Mr Younger. That is precisely what I did do this morning.

Quick distribution for food

Distribution of surplus butter and meat in Britain under the EEC food aid scheme had been undertaken rapidly because the Government wanted the food to be given out as quickly as possible, Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during Commons questions when some MPs were critical of the operation.

He said that releases authorized so far from intervention stores in the United Kingdom represented 15 million packs of butter and 3.15 million portions of beef.

Mr Donald Dixon (Jarrow, Lab) said that there had been reports of problems in distribution, and charities had had no information or resources to carry out the scheme.

Mr Gummer said that the charities had welcomed what the Government had done. It had been done rapidly, too. In some places distribution had been better than in others because charities had been better organized.

"We got off the ground first and have distributed more than any other European country, and more efficiently, and our charities are better run."

Mr Alistair Burt (Bury North, C) suggested that if it became clear that it had not been possible to distribute as much as the Government would like, Mr Gummer and his European colleagues might consider extending the deadline so that even more food could be distributed to the needy.

Mr Gummer said that he could not agree to that at this stage. But the scheme was being monitored carefully. He had been impressed by the charities, particularly the Salvation Army and the WRVS. But he was not underestimating the work of the others who had co-operated. He was pleased, too, with the support of the butchery trade.

Speaker stops Tory motions

PROCEDURE

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) told MPs that he had stopped the printing of three motions attacking Mr Neil Kinnock on Wednesday night bcause they were "irregular" and, in the words of *Erskine May*, "designed merely to give annoyance". The motions were not a proper subject for debate.

The Speaker commented: I deprecate the notice paper being used for personal attacks by one MP on another and I hope the House can conduct its affairs without recourse to such attacks.

In reply to Conservative MPs, who sought guidance after Mr Weatherill's decision to prevent printing of the motions submitted by Sir Marcus Fox (Shipley, C), vice-chairman of the 1922 committee, and other Tory MPs, Mr Weatherill said he did not usually refer to rulings that he had given in private.

The matter was raised by Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) on a point of order. He said that in the past two or three years early day motions had attacked not only the integrity of the Prime Minister but the personal integrity of members of her family. Motions had included statements which, if repeated outside the House, would have been actionable.

He asked in what way these motions differed from those of Sir Marcus Fox which Mr Speaker had rejected.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said that he and most other backbenchers had become aware of the involvement of the Speaker and the Government and Labour chief whips in the controversy. He, too, asked where MPs stood on statements in early day motions or on unsubstantiated allegations and statements made in the House or outside, about individuals.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) said that he had returned to Westminster from his constituency at 7pm on Wednesday and went to the table office to sign the early day motions by Sir Marcus Fox because he supported them.

When was it decided that MPs were no longer able to sign them, and was one reason that the Leader of the Opposition was alleged in one of the motions to be anti-monarchy?

The Speaker said he had taken his action at 7.30pm [He did not reply to the question of Mr Kinnock allegedly being anti-monarchy].

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Debate on the report on the Sizewell public inquiry.

Tuesday: Ministry of Defence Police Bill, remaining stages. Debate on the provision of EEC food surpluses to the needy.

Wednesday: Debates on Opposition motions on priorities for the elderly and health care and services for the elderly.

Thursday: Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, Lords amendments.

Friday: Private members' motions on licensing reform and excesses of alcohol and on information technology.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Local Government Finance Bill, committee, first day.

Tuesday: Local Government Finance Bill, second day.

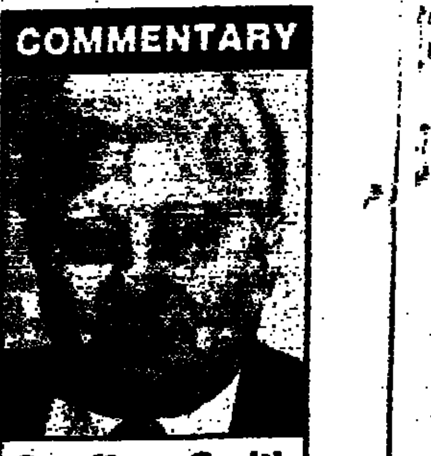
Wednesday: Debates on unilateral disarmament and on prison conditions.

Thursday: Pilotage Bill, report stage. Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) Bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private member's Bill: Access to Personal Files Bill, second reading.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Most parliamentary by-elections send a message to the country as well as a new MP to Westminster. Northfield in October 1982 provided the first strong evidence that unemployment was not all that much of a political issue. Brecon and Radnor in 1985, and both Ryedale and West Derbyshire last summer, showed how intense was the dissatisfaction over schools and hospitals.

Greenwich next week will provide the answer to two questions: does Labour suffer from fielding a far-left candidate? And how potent a factor is tactical voting today?

The Labour candidate, Miss Deirdre Wood, is assured and articulate. She is fighting as circumspect a campaign as possible. But her reputation as a far left-winger is costing her the support of a number of traditional Labour voters, as I found when I went round the doorsteps this week with Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate.

That was in a predominantly middle-class neighbourhood. Mrs Barnes claims that the working-class Labour vote is moving her way more than middle-class Labour supporters. If that assessment is correct Miss Wood could be embarrassed. But she is likely to be in serious danger only if there is substantial tactical voting as well.

On the face of it, Greenwich provides an ideal opportunity for tactical voting as Conservative supporters conclude that only the Alliance has a real chance of defeating Labour. There is some evidence of that already on the doorstep.

Meeting was run with fairness

If the Conservative candidate, Mr John Antcliffe, were to win — and the Conservative camp claims that its canvassing returns put him in the lead — it will be the biggest by-election surprise this Parliament. It seems more likely that the unfortunate Mr Antcliffe will be the sacrificial victim of this campaign, blamed for a poor Conservative result which no candidate could have avoided in the circumstances.

Mrs Barnes is not making a crude appeal for the tactical vote. She is emphasizing that she wants people to vote positively. That is doubly wise.

If she were to win now she would probably face a more moderate Labour opponent than Miss Wood in the general election. So she should not make it sound as if the only reason for voting Alliance is to keep an extremist out.

She is also more likely to attract the tactical vote if she can present herself as a reasonable choice on other grounds. Her message is simple, verging sometimes on the simplistic. The political world needs more than "a bit of common sense and a breath of fresh air". But she does offer these qualities convincingly.

Her direct, uncomplicated style of speaking comes over well and she is excellent canvassing on the doorstep. When I saw her she was certainly picking up a good deal of support. What I do not know is whether she is making sufficient inroads on the council housing estates which make up quite a large part of the constituency.

She declined to appear at what was intended to be a joint meeting for all three candidates put on by the Ferrier Action Group in one such area. Obviously her managers suspected a set-up. But Mr Antcliffe turned up and conducted himself with some dignity.

I doubt if there were any votes for him to gain, any more than there would have been for Mrs Barnes, from what seemed a solidly Labour audience. But the meeting was conducted perfectly fairly. A candidate who regards a hostile audience as evidence of a set-up would be paranoid rather than prudent.

I did wonder whether Mrs Barnes's absence indicated a lack of confidence among her managers in her ability to make an impact in such neighbourhoods. Or perhaps it was just the kind of organizational error that is always liable to occur under the pressure of a campaign.

But if she comes even close to winning next Thursday she will do more than give the Alliance just the boost it needs. She will be sending a warning to Labour that they cannot afford far-left candidates, and a reminder to the electorate of the power of tactical voting.

Greenwich by-election

Kinnock 'likely victim of left putsch'

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock and other leading Labour moderates would soon fall victim to a *putsch* by a hard-left-dominated parliamentary party in the event of an election victory, it was claimed yesterday as the Greenwich by-election moved into its final week.

The forecast came from Lord Marsh, the former Labour MP for the south London seat and a minister in the Wilson administrations of the 1960s, as he hit the campaign trail alongside Mr John Antcliffe, the Conservative candidate.

Lord Marsh attacked Miss Deirdre Wood, the Labour candidate, bracketing her with other left-wing figures such as Mr Bernie Grant, leader of Haringey council, and Mr Ted Knight, former leader of Lambeth.

He said there was nothing in their views that would be acceptable "over a private dinner party" to leading shadow-cabinet members such as Mr Denis Healey, Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr John Smith.

"What worries me is they provide a cloak for people whose views are extreme and way to the left of anything that has existed in the Labour Party in the past.

"The contempt of the ultra-left for the present leadership of the Labour Party would lead me to guarantee that Neil Kinnock, Denis Healey and Roy Hattersley would be out of the leadership of the Labour Party well within the first parliament after the election of a Labour government."

Lord Marsh said there was a world of difference between today's Labour radicals and the "cosy cuddly Tribunite left" of his youth when, as Richard Marsh, he was a member of the Gaitskellite wing of the party after jettisoning his membership of CND.

Campaign observers have questioned the Tory tactics of attacking Miss Wood for her allegedly hard-left credentials, arguing that that is merely driving floating voters into the arms of Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate — a point borne out by the disputed BBC *Newsnight* opinion polls conducted in the constituency.

Lord Marsh sought to counter that observation by arguing the familiar Conservative point that Mr Kinnock could be elevated to power only on the back of an Alliance revival.

It would be a supreme irony if middle-of-the-road voters, playing games with tactical voting, abandoned the Conservatives only to lumber themselves with the most left-wing government in the nation's history, he said.

Mr Kinnock, in notably confident mood, dismissed as a "pretty rubbishy point" the notion that traditional Labour supporters are deserting Miss Wood because of her hard-left image.

Predicting an increase in Labour's majority from its 1,211 level of 1983, he variously described his candidate as "first class", "impressive" and "outstanding".

The more she made contact with the public the more her support grew, the Labour leader said.

But Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said that the Alliance was "on the road to victory" and that he detected the "smell of fear" in the Labour camp, where morale was low.

Labour was down to 34.5 per cent in the latest Gallup poll when they ought to be surging ahead if they expected to win the next general election.

Meanwhile, the Alliance was now up to 27.5 per cent, according to Gallup, the kind of platform from which it could mount a concerted challenge to Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Kinnock concentrated his remarks on the Budget, saying that Mr Nigel Lawson was planning to revive the "hallowed Tory tradition of buying the ballot" by giving away £3 billion to £4 billion in tax cuts.

Arguing that the money should be spent on public services and industrial investment to boost jobs, the Labour leader said that average household debt now almost equalled income and that the "giddy spending spree" could not last.

The Conservatives would reverse any Budget tax cuts by doubling value-added tax rates if they won the election, he said.

But Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, insisted that the economy was in robust shape and that Mr Kinnock's forecast of impending disaster was the ploy typical of desperate men.

But later the increasingly venomous rough and tumble of electoral argument was largely put aside when Mr Kinnock visited a building side in the neighbouring constituency of Eltham to cut the first sod for a new Greenwich council development of 47 houses.

He was welcomed by Mr Peter Bottomley, the local Tory MP and a junior transport minister, who, like Mr Kinnock, generally spared his listeners another rehearsal of party political points.

The only awkward moment came when Mr Kinnock, in yellow hard-hat at the controls of a JCB digger, almost took bloody if unintentional revenge on the press. His mechanical scoop veered sharply to the right, narrowly missing decapitating a ducking photographer.

This year's cash limits being kept, says Government

TREASURY

The following report of a Commons debate on public spending appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

Cash limits in the Government estimates for this financial year were being pretty well observed, Mr John MacGregor, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said when he opened the debate.

He said that almost all the increases of £80 million above total running costs of £13 billion reflected deliberate policy decisions.

The Government did not intend to set further overall manpower targets for government departments after 1988 because of the encouraging start made by the new control arrangements.

The Government would need to continue to take a close interest in manpower during the annual public expenditure survey. White Papers would continue to give each department's manpower plans for each of the forward years of the survey and any increase would have to be agreed with the Treasury.

Mr MacGregor, moved that the House should take note of the White Paper on Government expenditure plans for 1987-88 to 1989-90. He said that it had been firm policy that higher pay costs should be absorbed within running cost limits.

The Government, in introducing the running costs system, decided that it would be sensible to continue with separate manpower targets for an initial period.

These had been an essential part of strategy for achieving a leaner and more efficient Civil Service. Numbers had fallen by more than 130,000 since April 1979 and nearly 90,000 of the reduction came from increased efficiency, improved working methods and general streamlining.

The new arrangements, a combination of manpower plans and control on running costs, would maintain the momentum of the drive for increased efficiency and leaner staffing of government departments, but the overall control would be the one set by the running cost limit. That would give individual civil service managers greater flexibility to make the best use of their resources.

Mr Bryan Gould, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, moved a Labour amendment condemning the Government's hostility to public expenditure; regretting that so much had still to be spent on things such as unemployment; and recognizing that the apparent relaxation of spending limits was largely inadvertent and was not intended to survive the general election.

It was not surprising that Mr MacGregor had started his hare running about Labour's supposed £28 billion spending plans — an outrageous exercise in spouting rubbish and fantasizing: not surprising because the parliamentary year book showed that one of his hobbies was conjuring (laughter).

The Government regarded the public sector as foreign, enemy country — draining national resources.

"We believe it is desirable and necessary to invest in our economy. Without it we cannot face the industrial future."

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C), chairman of the Treasury select committee, said that it was difficult to avoid the impression that interest rates were high to maintain the international value of sterling. If that was so, it should be possible to fund the PSBR with very great ease.

Many people were surprised at Labour's categoric statement that they would restore any tax cuts the Chancellor made in the next Budget, but was perhaps a clever ploy because it gave the impression that Labour would put up taxes only to cover any cuts made whereas the figures showed that what would really happen would not only be a restoration of any cuts the Chancellor might make, but also huge increases on top of that, and not only on people at the top rate, but also very much more generally.

Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying to the debate, said the Government was determined to continue to reduce expenditure as a proportion of national output. That would not be easy. The price of achieving it was a willingness to take hard decisions.

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 339 votes to 192 — Government majority, 147. The Government motion was agreed to.

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Tory pledge to keep faith with farmers and planning laws

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government has no intention of abandoning either support for farmers or proper strategic planning backed by statute, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for the Environment, said yesterday.

Addressing a meeting of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which has been among the sharpest critics of the Government's proposals to ease restrictions on developments in rural areas, he said that a huge shift was underway in the management of the countryside.

Since the last war the pursuit of food production had been conducted in a single-minded, almost ruthless, way. Agriculture had been given a unique place in the councils of the land.

The complexity of the process of changing direction in such a fundamental national policy was not yet fully appreciated. The momentum of existing policy was immense, and huge interests were at stake.

"An era when the increase in farm production, regardless of markets, was a part of the structure of national policy is now ending," Mr Waldegrave said.

"I say thank goodness and so will many farmers, who knew in their hearts that the conveyor belt of increasing productivity, combined with over-pricing was bound to carry them into conflict with wider society in the end."

But Mr Waldegrave promised that neither the Government nor the Conservative Party, whose ancient roots lay in the countryside of England, would abandon villages and small towns to the near dereliction they had faced twice in the past 100 years as a result of agricultural depression.

Public pressure is mounting against plans by the Dunira Estate to plant a 750-acre conifer forest at Glen Lednock, 20 miles west of Perth, Tayside.

The Forestry Commission, which can approve grants of *about £100 an acre for planting*, is strongly behind the scheme. But local residents in the glen and at Comrie, which thrives on tourists attracted by the beauty of the area, believe that the forest will seriously affect life there.

A petition bearing 1,000 names opposed to the proposal has been gathered.

Since then, however, the assumption in favour of agricultural use when considering applications for development had been malign rather than benign.

It had directed development from good agricultural land to worse at the expense of ecological and environmental interests, and had contributed to the shoddiness of much of the developments which local councils had allowed on green field sites.

"I believe its removal will allow more access to the countryside, more jobs for country people, some income for hard-pressed farmers and the chance for higher quality developments," he said.

But Mr Waldegrave made a firm commitment that a proper strategic planning system would continue. The Government had no intention of trying to solve the housing shortage in the south of England by abandoning planning controls.

The refusal to allow a new town in the Green Belt at Tillingham Hall in Essex showed that the Government was perfectly willing to be robust in defence of established Green Belt and conservation policies.

Mr Waldegrave denied *suggestions that the Government*, by allowing more appeals than its predecessors, had led developers to believe it was always worth having a go.

But it was particularly anxious that the planning systems should not strangle small firms, and the message had still not got through to local authorities that redundant farm buildings should be converted to reasonable alternative uses.

'Attorney' falsely claimed credentials

The self-styled "king of conveyancing" was yesterday convicted of falsely suggesting *he had legal qualifications.*

During a four-day trial at Wood Green Crown Court in north London, John Watson, aged 46, claimed that the prosecution was malicious and a "fit-up" by the legal profession.

Watson, of Maidstone Road, Sidcup, Kent, denied two charges under the Trades Descriptions Act that he had made false statements by claiming he was entitled to use the letters "Att at Law" and "AILEX (R)" after his name.

But the jury found him guilty and Watson was conditionally discharged for 12 months and ordered to pay £500 costs.

After the case Watson, who runs a firm called Homes and Business from St James Way, Sidcup, and is the author of two books on how to buy and sell property without a solicitor, described the verdicts as "unbelievable" and said he was "very unhappy".

Mr Barry Lane, a local government officer, told the court he was encouraged to use Watson's conveyancing service because of the letters after his name, believing they meant the defendant was an associate of the Institute of Legal Executives and that he had some sort of qualifications from abroad.

In his defence Watson said he used the letters because he offered clients the power of attorney and because he was a "retired" associate of the institute.

Regency glory restored

Cleaner Mr Grahame Davies gives the final touch to a re-creation of a Regency carpet laid in the Music Room of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The £90,000 piece was modelled on a fragment of the original, which was removed in 1848. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Libraries urged to show more enterprise

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

Public libraries have been urged to shake off their staid image by setting up joint ventures with the private sector to generate more income and improve services.

A report by the British Library and the Library and Information Services Council also calls for more daring and a willingness to run the risk of failure with experiments.

Joint ventures could also benefit the private sector by stimulating the development of the information industry.

Mr Kenneth Cooper, chief executive of the British Library, cited the example of a "teleshopping" venture in Gateshead. The library and social services there were co-operating with a supermarket chain to provide information on goods and services.

Enterprise was also being shown by the authorities in Motherwell, Scotland, where the public could hire personal computers from their library.

Mr Cooper said he would like to see libraries and government departments working more with private companies to promote community information such as transport schedules and concerts. The two sectors could also co-operate in developing computerized databases.

The report expressed concern that advances in computer-based media could reduce public access to information, because not enough people had access to computers.

Sale room

Drawing by Constable fetches record £62,700

By Huon Mallalieu

The English drawings and watercolours from the collection of the late Sir John Witt made £457,750 at Sotheby's yesterday, with only 3.6 per cent, or five lots, bought in.

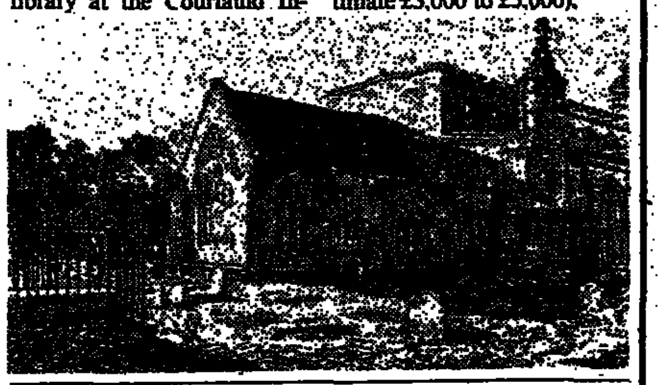
Prices were generally much higher than expected, since the collection was notable for pleasing, rather than great, examples.

An exception was Constable's pencil drawing of East Bergholt Church (detail below). This was indeed a fine item and it made a record for a *Constable drawing*, £62,700 paid by Agnew (estimate £25,000 to £35,000). It had been given to Sir John by his parents when he graduated from Oxford in 1929.

Sir Robert Witt, his father, set up the great photographic library at the Courtauld Institute, and it was fitting that a grey wash drawing by Cotman from Sir John's collection was bought as a memorial to him, on behalf of the Courtauld. It made £2,970 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

A second Constable pencil drawing, a spirited Lake District landscape showing Glaramara in Borrowdale, went to the leading London dealer, Anthony Reed, at £37,400 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

Among the private bidders was an *anonymous* British collector who participated by telephone. He paid a remarkable £25,300 for a charming water colour by William Henry Hunt of a girl reading a letter by candle-light — a favourite of Sir John's — (estimate £3,000 to £5,000).



Weekend shopping guide

Fish at good price but check quality

There is a superb selection of fresh fish again this week, and prices are reasonable.

Plaice, coley and smoked haddock are cheaper. Cod is unchanged, but codling is up by about 4p a lb. Cod fillets at £1.80 and cutlets at £1.90 are excellent quality. If buying whole plaice, get the male fish as the female is breeding and likely to have large roes. Mackerel is plentiful and cheap at 45 to 96p a lb, but much of it is trawled.

The better quality fish comes from the West Coast and is at the higher end of the price range. Herrings are plentiful, but watch quality.

Good value buys are skate wings at about £1.50 a lb; husk £1.46; coley £1.20; haddock £2.30; grey mullet £1.10; whitebait £1.60 and scallop 55p each. Wild salmon is around £8.30 a lb and farm salmon a more enticing £3.20.

Meat prices are stable and any changes are to the benefit of the customer. Beef topside, silverside, rump steak, brisket and mince are marginally cheaper.

Boneless brisket at between £1.32 and £1.78 a lb, pot roasted with some home grown vegetables, could be a labour-saving alternative to casseroles and stews.

The best value vegetables are all home grown. Savoy and winter cabbages are 15 to 20p a lb, potatoes 11-15p, swedes 15-25p, leeks 25-50p, brussel sprouts 20-25p, and mushrooms 40-45p a half.

Loose carrots are a best buy at 10-15p a lb, but the washed and prepacked samples which are grown under straw are double that price. Cauliflower are still expensive at 60-90p each. English Jerusalem artichokes at 30-40p a lb are finishing soon. Two newcomers this week are Egyptian cara and King Edward potatoes, 22-25p a lb.

Salad ingredients are in reasonable supply for the time of year. Chinese leaves at 50-80p a head are a good alternative to the more expensive Iceberg lettuce at 60p to £1 a head.

Tomatoes are expensive at 60-85p a lb and are quite scarce. Celery, which is lovely raw or cooked, costs 40-60p a head depending on size.

There is a wonderful selection of fruit in the shops. Look out for home grown Jonagold apples at 38-40p a lb and new in the shops this week. Pineapples are plentiful now and small ones are as little as 75p each. Grapefruit at 10-25p each, lemons and oranges at 8-20p each, are abundant, but it is nearing the end of the season for satsumas and clementines.

Of the stone fruit, the Cape and Chilean red, black and golden plums are probably the best value at 60-80p a lb. Early forced rhubarb at 45-60p a lb is in peak supply.

Some meat offers at shops and supermarkets include Dewhurst whole four ribs of beef, 99p a lb for sets of three, and bacon joints 109p a lb; Asda fresh or frozen leg of pork, 89p a lb, and fresh whole chicken (3lb 15oz) at 69p a lb.

Presto British boneless brisket of beef is £1.32 a lb; Sainsbury's fresh chicken, 59p a lb. Beef topside, £1.78 a lb; Bejam New Zealand leg of lamb down 29p to £1.19 a lb, and Bejam roasting chicken, 59p a lb. Tesco British pork chops are £1.18 a lb and British forerib of beef on the bone is £1.38 a lb.

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Bar firmly opposed to solicitors' rights in the higher courts

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Barristers in England and Wales are overwhelmingly opposed to granting solicitors any further advocacy rights in either the crown courts or High Court.

A poll of some 300 sets of chambers, with a 50 per cent response rate, has shown that some 80 per cent do not want any change to the status quo, which gives barristers a monopoly of advocacy rights in the higher courts.

Mr Peter Scott, QC, Bar chairman, said: "The survey shows we are unconvinced of any argument in the public interest which would justify different arrangements for rights of audience".

The response will form the basis of the Bar's response to the committee on the future of the legal profession under Lady Marre.

The survey, which included responses from all the Bar associations, such as the Criminal Bar Association and Common Law Bar Association, as well as from individuals and heads of chambers, discloses that only about 10 per cent were in favour of some change to the present ban on solicitors.

Of those, slightly more were in favour of granting increased rights to solicitors to be allowed to take simple cases in the crown court than were in favour of extending rights in some High Court cases. Only 5 to 10 per cent were in favour of removing all restrictions on solicitors' rights of audience.

The survey also asked barristers what criteria should govern a decision on whether solicitors should be granted increased advocacy rights. The overwhelming majority, Mr Scott said, cited "the public interest", together with factors such as cost.

The survey will reinforce the stance adopted by the Bar over the past 18 months against allowing the solicitors' branch any inroads into its monopoly position.

At the same time, the Bar is also likely to take comfort from the latest research by the Efficency Commission, set up between the two sides of the profession and the Government.

The Government has made clear that in pursuit of greater efficiency in the courts, it wants to look at the use of one lawyer instead of two in a number of crown court cases.

Solicitors are pressing for a change in the rules so that such a lawyer can be a solicitor or a barrister; a change also urged by the legal aid scrutiny report last year from a team of government officials.

But the latest research by the commission favours the Bar's argument that barristers acting on their own are cheaper than solicitors, because where there is waiting and travelling time involved, solicitors have much higher overheads.

Both sides have produced costings but the commission's own calculations are nearer those of the Bar than those of the Law Society.

Parallel with the debate on rights of audience, solicitors are strongly opposing proposals from the Bar to allow clients in a limited range of circumstances to deal with a barrister direct, rather than to go through a solicitor.

But the Bar has agreed to defer action on this and instead refer the matter, along with rights of audience, to the Marre committee.

A Bar committee had recommended that other professionals, such as accountants, be able to brief counsel direct, which would amount to an incursion of the other restrictive practice which characterizes the two-branch profession.

Mr Scott said: "We were in favour of extending opportunities for direct access to certain professions but the Law Society is opposed; and it is fair to say that its objections to some extent reflect our objections to their having rights of audience".

As the profession had jointly agreed to set up the Marre committee as a forum, including lay people, to look at such issues, the Bar felt the matter should be referred to them, he said.

● *Rights* of audience for trained solicitors and direct access to barristers is called for by the Law Society local government group in its response to the Marre committee. It also urges a national legal service substantially funded by the state to satisfy the unmet need for legal services.

This should be developed through an enhanced legal aid system or an adequately-funded and streamlined system of law centres and advice bureaux, it says.

The group, which represents solicitors and articled clerks in local government and public bodies, also calls for a common training for all lawyers.

Protest at closure of courts

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Management staff in the law courts are protesting at the temporary closure in the South-east of six crown courtrooms, mainly because of a lack of funds to pay for judges.

The Lord Chancellor's Department group of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, representing some 2,000 management staff, says it is concerned about the closures, in view of a big backlog of cases in the crown courts.

The society says the closures do not square with a statement by the Lord Chancellor's Department on the recent public expenditure White Paper, which said: "Among the measures to ease the growing workload are the building of additional courtrooms and the provision of the necessary judicial and manpower resources to enable them to function".

A spokesman from the Lord Chanceller's Department said: "For the most effective use of resources in the face of rising workloads, certain single satellite courtrooms have not had cases listed for a temporary period. But listing will resume on March 1."

The courts are at King's Lynn, Wisbech, Southend, Rochester, all single courtrooms, and at Foresters' Hall, Croydon, where the closures are for repairs.

Sherlock stays hot on the trail

The mystery of Sherlock Holmes's equanimity amid the freezing river fog of Victorian London has been solved.

The resourceful detective, played by Jeremy Brett, right, kept his analytical brain on the boil thanks to an overcoat, scarf and homburg — and a hot water bottle.

Brett, who has played Holmes on television for several years, was filming a two-hour production of *The Sign of Four* for Granada. The *picture above shows an 1874 steel-hulled launch being used in the filming* at Westminster Pier.

Photographs: Denzil McNeelance

Future of ferry route is secured

Sealink management and unions have secured a future for the threatened Folkestone-Boulogne ferry route, but up to 80 jobs will be lost.

Unions agreed to a reduction of staff on ferries Hengist and Horsa — from five to three crews — after a company warning that the route would close unless a one-third saving on wages was achieved. Losses on the route last year reached £3.5 million.

Mr Christopher Garnett, Sealink British Ferries European director, said yesterday that the revised manning levels could mean between 50 and 80 redundancies.

Mr Colin Bennett, branch secretary of the National Union of Seamen, said: "At the end of the day there was no alternative if any of the membership in Folkestone were to keep their jobs".

Mother of Ripper victim loses case

The mother of the Yorkshire Ripper's last victim yesterday lost the latest round in her fight to sue the police for failing to catch the multiple murderer before her daughter was killed.

In a test case at the Court of Appeal, Mrs Doreen Hill claimed that the police were negligent, inefficient and had made important errors of judgement in failing to catch Peter Sutcliffe.

The court upheld a High Court decision to strike out her damages claim against Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

Mrs Hill's daughter Jacqueline, then a student aged 20, was the thirteenth murder victim of Sutcliffe, whose attacks spanned five years. She died in November 1980 and he was convicted and jailed for life in May 1981.

Lord Justice Fox said that Mrs Hill, from Middlesbrough, Cleveland, who was claiming £100,000 damages, did not want the money for her own benefit but to establish a charitable trust in memory of her daughter.

She alleged that the police were in breach of their duty to her to use all reasonable skill to catch the killer.

But the judge said there was no special relationship between the police and Mrs Hill. They had a general duty to the public at large to suppress crime, but that did not create a special relationship with all possible victims.

Lord Justice Glidewell added that if the police were liable to be sued for negligence when the investigation of crime allows the criminal to commit further crimes, it must be expected that actions in this field would not be uncommon.

Mrs Hill was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Discount cards for jobless

A discount card scheme has been launched in North Shields, Tyne and Wear, to improve the purchasing power of people on the dole.

The cards will entitle the unemployed to reductions of 10 to 25 per cent in the town, where the official rate of unemployment is 15.2 per cent, but where it rises to 80 per cent on some housing estates.

Many businesses, including fish and chip shops, public houses, hairdressers and butchers, have joined the scheme.

It is the brainchild of the town's People's Centre, a base for the unemployed

"We felt that unemployment was causing the level of purchasing power to go down which obviously has a knock-on effect for local traders", Mr Brian Topping, co-ordinator of the scheme, said.

New trial for murder ordered by judge

A murder trial was abandoned yesterday when the judge ruled that the defendantcould not conduct his own case.

Vince Lee, aged 24, of Gurnos Estate, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid-Glamorgan, dismissed his legal team on Wednesday. Yesterday Mr Justice Mars Jones said that after considering the matter overnight he had decided the case was too serious and complicated to compel Mr Lee to continue on his own. There were also matters of law to be decided.

A new trial will be held later. Mr Lee denies murdering Mrs Annie Worrell, aged 43, his girl friend's mother, at her home in Merthyr Tydfil, and a charge of arson.

City meets a challenge

City councillors in Peterborough have set up a new sub-committee to investigate why there are so many sub-committees.

The number of sub-committee meetings has gone up *by 600 per cent,* from 13 to 91 a year, in the past eight years. Projected figures show there could be an extra 30 meetings by the end of 1988.

Driver hurt in freak accident

A Cambridge don suffered serious head injuries in a motorway accident when the 12lb metal base of a reflective cat's eye flew through the windscreen of her car.

Miss Hilary Shuard, a former vice-principal of Homerton College, managed to steer the car on to the hard shoulder of the M11 before collapsing. Last night Addenbrooke's *Hospital said her condition* was serious.

Driving ban for detective

The head of Plymouth Regional Crime Squad, Det Chief Inspector Tony Furzeland, who admitted drink-*driving,* was banned for a year and fined £750 yesterday by magistrates at Okehampton, Devon.

Mr Furzeland, aged 43, was found to be more than 2½ times the blood-alcohol legal limit.

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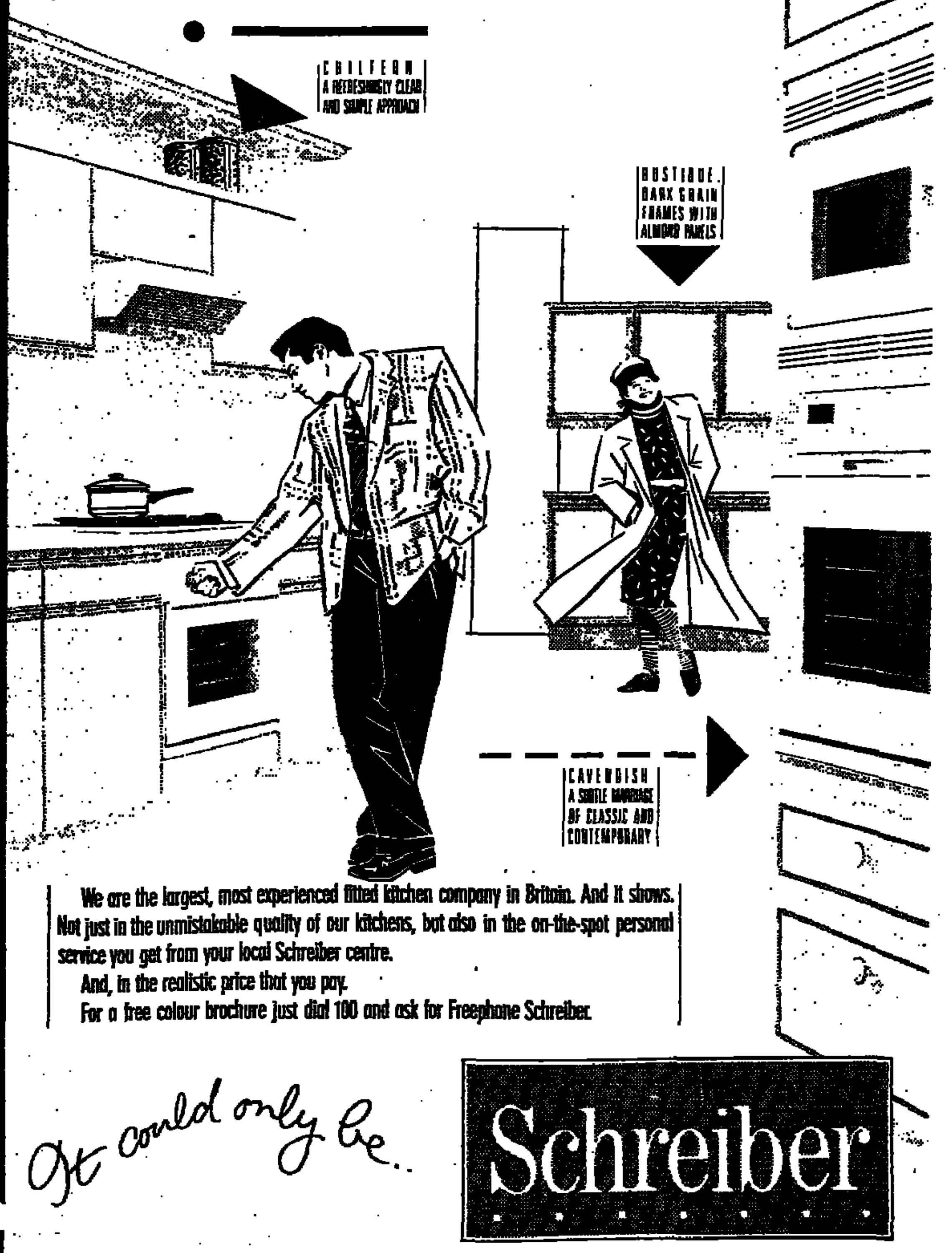
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WORLD SUMMARY

Iran and Iraq in pact on city raids

Iran and Iraq agreed yesterday to a two-week moratorium on the bombardment of each other's cities, in a move which brought relief to civilians but scepticism from diplomats (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Following Baghdad's announcement on Wednesday that it would halt air attacks on Iranian cities for two weeks, Tehran surprised observers by saying yesterday that it was willing to stop its artillery bombardment of Iraqi cities. The so-called "war of the cities", a by-product of the bloody trench warfare on the southern front, has already claimed at least 3,000 Iranian and 300 Iraqi civilian deaths.

Both sides took advantage of the hours remaining before the moratorium at noon to launch attacks, with Iraqi planes raiding six towns, and Iranian long-range artillery shelling Iraqi targets only minutes before the deadline. Iraq said that its gesture was prompted by new attempts at reaching a negotiated settlement, but experts believe that Baghdad's pilots needed a rest after fierce fighting.

Oilfields take-over

Athens — The Greek Government has decided to seize control of its only oilfield, west of Thasos in the northern Aegean, from the foreign consortium which discovered the deposits in 1974 and has since been extracting 25,000 barrels of crude a day (Mario Modiano writes).

The North Aegean Petroleum Company, which groups Canadian, US and West German interests, yesterday expressed shock and surprise at the move. The consortium, whose main shareholder turned down a buy-out offer in December, claims it has already invested £430 million to develop the oilfields.

No road to Rome

Strasbourg — Mindful of a campaign by Sir Henry Plumb, the new President of the European Parliament, against wasteful spending, MEPs yesterday narrowly voted against a controversial proposal to transfer the entire chamber and staff to Rome for a week in March to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the EEC's founding document (Richard Owen writes).

The trip would have cost nearly £1 million. Now Parliament will instead send a smaller delegation consisting of the 50 MEPs and officials who normally meet every month in Brussels.

White seats under fire

Harare — Preliminary work has begun to abolish the 20 seats reserved for white MPs in Zimbabwe's House of Assembly (Jan Raath reports). Mr Didymus Mutasa, the Speaker, said this week that a Cabinet committee had started drawing up proposals for the amendment that is certain to condemn Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, to sideline politics.

On April 18, the seventh anniversary of Zimbabwe's independence, the section of the constitution guaranteeing 20 seats for the white electorate becomes amendable by 70 votes in the Assembly, instead of by the full 100 seats demanded since the Lancaster House constitution came into effect.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has frequently voiced his determination to eject this "racist" segment of the constitution, and with 66 seats of the Assembly under his party's control, has the power to do so within his grasp.

Lynching attacked

Nairobi — Kenya's *Daily Nation* newspaper yesterday called for the bringing to book of students at Kenyatta University, on the outskirts of the city, who earlier this week burned to death a suspected thief and seriously injured his companion (Alastair Matheson writes).

The two, suspected of stealing electronic equipment, had taken refuge on the campus after fleeing a mob but were then attacked by some students.

Nuclear plant shut

Belgrade (Reuter) — Yugoslavia's lone nuclear power plant has ground to an indefinite halt after its 36th emergency shutdown since its opening in 1981.

The plant at Krsko, near the Slovenian-Croatian border, which was built by the American Westinghouse Corporation, shut down two days ago, and officials said yesterday that it would be closed indefinitely while experts determine the cause of the frequent breakdowns.

Lebanon at war: Militia defeat ● Court cordon ● Siege hope

Triumphant Druze militiamen showing off a pick-up truck fitted with a .50-calibre machine gun which they captured from Amal militia in a west Beirut street battle. They have painted out the Amal emblem and substituted their own.

Beaten Amal loses hold on Beirut's Muslim sector

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

The Shia Muslim Amal militia was driven off the streets of the commercial district of west Beirut yesterday in a defeat that signals the end of their almost exclusive rule of the Muslim sector of the capital.

Since February 6 1984, when central authority rule fell apart in west Beirut — Mr Nabih Berri, the leader of Amal, had effectively controlled this part of the city, the international airport and most of the Shia southern suburbs. Those suburbs, many of them slums, now remain his main bastion which he will have to share with more militant Shia Muslim groups such as the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, or Party of God.

There, too, Mr Berri will probably realize how isolated his movement has become, despite the bold political and military support he has continuously been receiving from Syria. Hezbollah, which has never hidden criticism of Mr Berri's moderate policies, did not mobilize any of its well-trained units to help Amal in trying to contain the advance of a leftist alliance which has effectively changed the political map of west Beirut in four days of ferocious street battles.

The rebellion against Amal also exposed how limited the role of Syria has become in times of crisis in Lebanon. Forces of Amal, the Communist Party of Lebanon, the Progressive Socialist Party, and leftist pro-Palestinian groups have clearly ignored calls and threats from Syria to halt the fighting.

After witnessing the collapse of at least six ceasefire agreements conceived in Damascus, the Syrians gave orders to its 500-strong contingent in west Beirut to shoot to kill truce violators. Instead, it was the joint Syrian-Lebanese army patrols who were shot at in the Tarik Jdide residential district, where fighting went on unabated as the leftists tried to push Amal towards the southern suburbs.

It was against that background of uncertainty that many Beirut residents emerged from their shelters and corridors for a quick dash to the neighbourhood shop. Others remained at home, hoping that their presence would discourage looting.

Haggard-looking gunmen were seen emerging from the devastated coffee shop of the Commodore Hotel, now a Druze stronghold, carrying some food, bottles of water and one electric transformer. Near by, young militiamen shot up the lock of an apartment building they wanted to loot. They gave up the effort shortly after realizing that the gunfire had welded the lock, leaving inside four families trapped but safe.

Mr Mohammed Mehdi, an American Muslim envoy who had arrived in west Beirut five days ago to try to secure the release of foreigners held hostage in Lebanon, was robbed by gunmen who stormed his room at the Commodore Hotel.

Mr Mehdi fled to east Beirut with his assistant. "Our mission has been terminated," he said.

According to some estimates, the latest fighting has claimed as many as 100 lives. The number of wounded is well above 200, but the overall toll is likely to be higher once those wounded who are still trapped in the worst-hit areas are taken to hospital.

In Damascus, Syrian officials were trying to arrange a new meeting to bring about a ceasefire. The atmosphere was not promising after an earlier statement by Mr Berri, who told his men to fight "until martyrdom".

Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, already enjoying the upper hand of the war for control of west Beirut, issued a call to heed the ceasefire and co-operate with the Syrians. He was said to be holding talks with Mr Georges Hawi, the leader of the Lebanese Communist Party, in anticipation of a trip to Damascus, where the Syrians were about to launch yet another effort to bring about some semblance of peace to west Beirut.

Security alert as Paris prepares for terrorist trial

From Diana Geddes, Paris

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, is taking seriously threats of renewed terrorist attacks in Paris in the run-up to the opening on Monday of the trial of Mr Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, alleged leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (FARL), M Denis Baudouin, the Prime Minister's spokesman, said yesterday.

One thousand extra police have been drafted into Paris, bringing the total to 3,500. Routine security checks have been resumed at the entrance to public buildings and big shops.

Security is particularly tight in all airports and railway stations and also around the Palais de Justice on the Ile de la Cité where Mr Abdullah is to be tried by the newly created non-jury terrorist court.

"There have been some threats which we have examined very closely," M Baudouin said. "M Chirac feels that some should be taken seriously."

Mr Abdullah, aged 36, a pro-Syrian Christian Maronite Marxist from northern Lebanon, is accused of complicity in the assassination in Paris in 1982 of Mr Charles Ray, American military attaché in Paris, and of Mr Yacov Barsimantov, Second Secretary at the Israeli Embassy in Paris.

He is also charged with complicity in the attempted murder of Mr Robert Homme, US consul in Strasbourg, in March 1984.

Mr Abdullah has been in prison in France since October 1984.

His release was one of the principal demands of the Committee of Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners (CSPPA), the group which claimed responsibility for the Paris bombings last September in which 10 people were killed and 165 injured.

Last week, the Syrian-backed Secret Armenian Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) sent a communiqué to a Western press agency in Beirut threatening new bomb attacks against France unless the French Government released certain unnamed Arab "militants" imprisoned in France.

It issued similar threats last October, demanding on that occasion the specific release of Mr Abdullah, who has had links with ASALA in the past: Mr Varoudjan Garbidjian, Syrian-born leader of the ASALA group which attacked Orly airport in 1983, leaving seven dead and 55 injured; and Mr Anis Naccache, Lebanese Palestinian head of the Iranian commando which tried to assassinate Mr Chapour Bakhtiar, the last Prime Minister under the Shah, in Paris in 1980.

The release of the same three terrorists was also demanded by the CSPPA, which is believed to be a front for the FARL, with tactical support from other groups such as ASALA and perhaps also Action Directe, the extreme-left French terrorist group, with whom Mr Abdullah has also had close links.

Action Directe threatened last week to "annihilate" the seven judges in the special court which will sit for the first time to try Mr Abdullah. Three Action Directe members are due to appear soon before the same terrorist court on charges of murdering two policemen.

With the exception of the presiding judge, M Maurice Colomb, the names of the four other men and two women who have been chosen to try Mr Abdullah are being kept strictly secret until the day the trial actually opens.

The whole of the area around the Palais de Justice is to be sealed off for the duration of the hearing which is expected to last about one week.

The trial follows the visit to France this week by President Gemayel of Lebanon. His two days of talks with M Chirac and President Mitterrand, which ended yesterday, covered the international situation, the Beirut hostages and the recent rapprochement between Lebanon and Syria.

Mr Abdullah: charged with complicity in three murders.

Gunmen let top UN man into camp but turn back food aid

From Robert Fisk, Tyre

Perhaps it was their military plight in Beirut that persuaded Amal to be generous. More likely, it was merely the political recognition that the Commissioner-General of the United Nations agency caring for Palestinian refugees could scarcely be refused entry to the Rashidiyeh camp.

So when Signor Giorgio Giacomelli drew up at the last Shia Muslim militia checkpoint with his escort of French UN troops yesterday, the gunmen let him through.

But there Amal's humanitarian instincts drew a line. No food was allowed into the camp yesterday and Signor Giacomelli left some three hours later with little but the knowledge that the five-day ceasefire in the long siege of Rashidiyeh was still holding.

"There was hardly anyone in the streets," he told *The Times* when he left. "They say there are 25,000 people in there — but how can anyone tell? I saw no armed men — no weapons at all."

Which was surprising, since Amal estimate that at least 200 Palestinian guerrillas from Beirut alone are inside Rashidiyeh. The PLO, it seems, chose to "civilianize" the camp for Signor Giacomelli's benefit and thus he left, unscathed if somewhat puzzled, to rejoin his French military escort at the Amal checkpoint. "I could not tell if the few people I saw were hungry," he said bleakly. "They did not look fat."

In fact, Amal — whose siege of Rashidiyeh is being conducted for somewhat different reasons than those adopted by their more merciless confrères surrounding the Bourj al-Barajneh camp in Beirut — allowed the Palestinians here to go shopping in Tyre two days ago.

They paid, so the shopkeepers claim, in dollar bills and bought so much food that the local Shia population complained to Amal about the possibilities of shortages in the city: which may be why the gunmen were only allowing Signor Giacomelli out yesterday.

The Shia militia, he said later, were being very cautious because they wanted to make sure that the arrangements for the ceasefire were going to work. But by consulting with Palestinian officials of the UN Relief and Works Agency inside, he had "established the principle" that he could enter the camp.

Lebanon tends to survive on such principles, just as Mr Daoud Daoud, one of the most prominent of Amal's local leadership here, decided to resign from his militia organization. Mr Daoud, whose popularity remains undiminshed among the Shias despite his unsuccessful attempts to extract the PLO guerrillas from Rashidiyeh, publicly "withdrew" from Amal in apparent protest at the growth of the more extreme Hezbollah (Party of God) militia.

Cynics, however, suspect that he also wished to distance himself from Mr Nabih Berri's collapsing leadership of the whole Amal movement in Beirut.

Mr Daoud diligently set off for Damascus yesterday for a reconciliation with the Amal leader, who has chosen to remain in his self-imposed Syrian exile while his militia disintegrates in the battle for west Beirut. To the surprise of no one, Mr Daoud turned round and returned to Tyre with the explanation that Druze forces had blocked the road outside Beirut.

Curiously, the two Palestinian camps closest to Tyre — El Baas and Bourj Shemali — have been left untouched by Mr Daoud's men.

The fact that there appear to be no armed Palestinians inside the slums there may be the explanation for this, since the fear of PLO resurgence in southern Lebanon is a far more frightening prospect for many local Shia Muslims than any encouragement by Syria to crush Mr Yassir Arafat's military renaissance; hence the difference between the siege of Rashidiyeh and that of Bourj al-Barajneh.

Jukebox boss at 90

Addison, Illinois (AP) — Before there was rock 'n roll music there was Mr David C. Rockola, whose name has adorned jukeboxes all over the world for more than 50 years.

"In Brazil, machines that play records aren't even called jukeboxes. They're called Rock-Olas. It's generic," Mr Rockola, aged 90, said in a recent interview.

He is still going strong as chairman of the jukebox company he founded.

"I wanted to get into something that would be important and something that people would go for," he said.

He rises every day at 5 am and drives from his Chicago home to his plant in the nearby suburb of Addison. His wife, Margaret, has been company secretary for 50 years; his son, Donald, is company president.

As a privately held corporation, Rock-Ola does not release sales figures. But Mr Rockola says that business is booming.

Fuel use for butter mountain

From Our Correspondent
Brussels

An EEC scheme to burn off surplus butter as a diesel fuel additive could literally exhaust the butter mountain, while the left-over fats would be processed into lipstick.

Community negotiators hope to sell hundreds of thousands of tonnes of butter for processing into make-up and diesel additives at a price of 6p to 8p a pound.

Senior EEC officials are delighted with the project, which could lop more than one-third off the mountain in two to three years, raising world butter prices and cutting the cost to the European taxpayer.

The buyer would be the Liquid Fuels Development Corporation. Its scientists have evolved a new high-technology process which breaks down butter into ethyl alcohol and glycerol, a highly saleable "humectant" grease-base for make-up.

The ethyl alcohol can be added to diesel fuel, reducing noise and pollution and increasing lorry mileage.

The new process could prove to be the only outlet for more than 350,000 tonnes of salted butter in British and Irish cold stores, as Continental consumers will only eat unsalted butter.

Processing in existing European plants could start within a few weeks, since only a few adaptations are needed.

EEC officials say the sale must fetch more than butter used in animal feed, now on offer from EEC stocks at less than 5p a pound.

"We would be even happier if the price were higher than what we can get from the Russians," said one official. "But that is not a condition of sale."

The EEC is hoping to sell 300,000 tonnes of butter to the Russians at 7p a pound.

Human rights in East and West

Moscow refuseniks to put pressure on Kremlin

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

At a clandestine press conference in a cramped Moscow apartment yesterday, a dozen leading Jewish activists announced a campaign for stepping up pressure on the Kremlin to adopt a more sympathetic approach to their problem.

In order to reduce the risk of KGB surveillance, invitations to the bizarre gathering were delivered personally and not over the telephone. Participants included two women whose husbands were imprisoned on criminal charges, allegedly trumped-up because of their Jewish activism, and one man who had been waiting for 12 years to emigrate to Israel.

"Because of the recent moves to release some of the political prisoners, some people in the outside world may get the false impression that our problem is now solved," Mrs Natasha Magarik said. Her husband is one of a number of Jews held on criminal charges and therefore not included in the recent pardons. "We want to make it known that it is far from settled."

Mrs Inna Begun, the wife of Mr Iosif Begun, was also there.

Attending yesterday's press conference at an address near the Moscow State Circus were a number of bearded Jews in skullcaps and women in orthodox head coverings who had taken part in last week's Moscow demonstrations in support of Mr Begun.

Among their grievances was the claim that new Soviet laws had made the process of emigrating to Israel more, rather than less, difficult. The number of refuseniks, those who had applied to emigrate but been rejected, was put at up to 50,000, a much higher total than admitted by Soviet officials, who claim that there is no "Jewish problem" in the Soviet Union.

Mr Boris Chernobylsky, a former inmate of the Gulag who has been attempting unsuccessfully to leave for Israel since 1975, alleged that Soviet Jews were being deliberately excluded from the new process of democratization and *glasnost* (openness).

Addressing the single camera recording the occasion on a pooled basis for all four main US television companies, Mr Chernobylsky said: "Recent events, including the breaking up of last week's peaceful protests and articles on Tass, have shown that our attempts to take part in the new processes are met with judicial and non-judicial persecution and slander in the press."

Another refusenik, Mr Andrei Livshitz, who first applied to emigrate to Israel in 1978, pledged that the recent strong-arm tactics used by the KGB in Moscow last week would not deter the protesters for Jewish rights. "We shall continue to struggle by using the rights offered by the Soviet Constitution and by international law," he declared.

Miss Katya Glosman, one of the organizers of the demonstrations, claimed that, because written permission had been sought in advance, they were undertaken legally.

"Among the anti-Semitic abuse shouted at us were constant references to Baby Yar (the place where the Jews of Kiev were massacred) and that 'Hitler did not get enough of us'," she said.

A central demand of the new campaign is for the introduction of a statute of limitations to make three to five years the maximum period for which a person can be prevented from emigrating because he or she has had access to official secrets.

One woman, Mrs Fanya Berenstein, had travelled from Kiev to issue an emotional appeal on behalf of her husband, Yosef, who is serving four years in a labour camp on criminal charges of resisting arrest "imposed solely because of his Jewish activism."

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US sees 'spectacular shift to democracy' in Latin America

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The Reagan Administration said in its annual report on human rights around the world yesterday that there was "serious regression" in South Africa, some improvement in the Soviet Union, good progress in the Philippines and a "spectacular shift to democracy" throughout Latin America.

The 1,356-page State Department report to Congress on human rights practices in 1986 in 167 countries made clear that grave problems remained in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Chile, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Tunisia. There was "continuation of bleak and stultifying dictatorial rule" in many countries.

Some of the strongest language was used to condemn abuses by the left-wing Sandinista regime in Nicaragua and by Libya — two Governments the US has accused of international terrorism.

The report noted the apparent end of the infamous death squads in US-backed El Salvador. In its most positive note, it said that in 1986 the US was pleased to see the further consolidation of democratic rule throughout Latin America as Guatemala elected a new Government and the Haitian dictatorship came to an end.

"The spectacular shift to democracy throughout Latin America during the past five years is indeed most gratifying to all those committed to the cause of human rights," it added.

Turning to the Soviet Union, the report welcomed as "positive development" the release of Dr Andrei Sakharov and Mrs Yelena Bonner from internal exile and the early release from labour camps of several other prominent dissidents.

But it said that the deaths of human rights advocates Mr Anatoly Marchenko and Mr Mark Morozov in prison underscored the continuing perilous position of thousands of Soviet prisoners of conscience. However, it found Soviet performance in resolving long-standing family reunification cases significantly better.

On the new *glasnost* (openness) policy of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, the report said that, despite relaxation in the cultural field, the policy was carefully controlled and stage-managed from above.

The report also faulted the Soviet Government for restricting Jewish emigration and for inflicting on political prisoners mental and physical abuse.

Jewish emigration in 1986 was 914, down from 1,140 in 1985. Official Israeli sources estimate that there are about 370,000 Soviet Jews who have requested the letters of invitation necessary to apply to emigrate.

On South Africa, the report noted 1,263 unrest-related deaths from January to November last year, a considerable increase on the 1985 total of 879. About 10,000 people were under detention by the end of last year, up to 1,800 of them aged under 18, including many children aged 15 or younger.

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The Maralinga nuclear tests

Britain in joint project to monitor contamination

From Stephen Taylor, Canberra

Britain and Australia have agreed a joint programme intended to find out, once and for all, the effect and extent of contamination from British nuclear tests in the Outback more than 20 years ago.

The two-year project will involve British and Australian technicians and, in one case, two RAF helicopters, which will conduct the first airborne radiation survey of the Maralinga test site with sophisticated detector equipment.

Details of the programme were worked out in two days of talks between Whitehall and Canberra officials after Britain announced in October that it would meet half the estimated A$3 million (£1.3 million) cost.

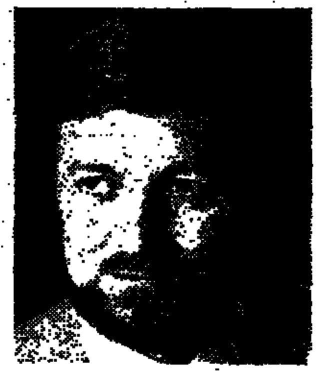
The process was set in motion by the Australian Royal Commission into nuclear tests, which said in its findings in December 1985 that Britain should pay for cleaning up Maralinga.

Whitehall maintained that it had been absolved from responsibility for the range, but agreed to give advice on how a clean-up should be carried out.

The Royal Commission found that Britain had been negligent in the manner in which 20 kg of highly toxic plutonium was ploughed into the Maralinga range, although it never attempted a scientific assessment of the effects, or how a clean-up might be accomplished. That, effectively, is the task which is now being addressed.

The Hawke and Thatcher Governments are in fundamental disagreement over Maralinga.

While Canberra concedes that Britain was discharged from any further responsibility in 1967, it says that new information turned up by the Royal Commission imposes a legal and moral obligation to fund a clean-up.



Senator Evans: believes that Whitehall doing its best.

Britain has agreed so far only to co-operate in an assessment of the options, but this has in itself improved the atmosphere, and Senator Gareth Evans, Minister for Energy and Resources, and Australian officials, say that Whitehall is now doing as much as could be expected.

The six studies on which agreement has been reached include an anthropological survey to quantify the risks of a return to Maralinga by Aborigines displaced by the tests.

This is a wholly Australian study, but British personnel and laboratories with relevant expertise will be involved with four other studies.

Chief of these is the airborne survey, intended to locate concentrations of plutonium. Bunkhouse units are being set up at Maralinga this week, and two RAF helicopters are standing by for transfer from Hong Kong.

The test cannot start, however, until Canberra signs a contract with a US corporation named Energy Measurement Inc, the only body with the technology capable of an effective radiometric survey.

Then, with mounted detector pods which are effectively sophisticated Geiger counters, the helicopters will fly in a grid pattern over the contaminated area — a huge surface of between 600 square kilometres (230 square miles) and 1,000 square kilometres — taking readings. This is expected to take between eight and 14 weeks.

Sophisticated as the equipment is, it is only capable of detecting nuclear waste on the land surface, and a follow-up ground survey will try to locate buried concentrations

The test is due to start in May, but there seems to be no great urgency in getting the programme under way. Some officials even appear to feel that there are benefits from having a loose timetable.

One source closely involved said: "Nobody is out to score points now that the political pressure is off. At long last common sense is prevailing, and we can consider scientifically what the possibilities are."

The recommendation of the commission under Mr Justice James McClelland was that the entire Maralinga range should be made safe for human habitation. There is general agreement in Canberra this may be impractical and Mr Evans has spoken of "cost-effective options".

Berlin 'Wall Walker' freed

Mr Runnings on the Berlin Wall last November before being detained by border guards.

Bonn — A 69-year-old American, known in Berlin as "the Wall Walker," was given an 18-month suspended prison sentence by a court in East Berlin yesterday and then released (A Correspondent writes).

Mr John Runnings was convicted of "unlawfully crossing the border" between East and West Berlin in November last year. The prosecution had demanded an "unconditional" prison term of 18 months.

He had climbed the Berlin Wall, just inside the eastern half of the city, near Checkpoint Charlie and attacked it with a sledgehammer before being detained by East German border guards. It was the third time in a few months that he had climbed the Wall.

In August last year, he walked a few hundred yards along the top before descending on a ladder provided by an East German guard and a day later was returned to the West. He repeated the action in October and was again released without charges.

Children killed in Peshawar explosion

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

In one of the worst bomb blasts in Pakistan in recent years, 11 people — including a number of schoolchildren — were killed, and 50 others injured, when a bus parked outside a Pakistan-based Afghan guerrilla office, three miles south of Peshawar in the North West Frontier Province, *exploded yesterday.*

The bombing, apparently aimed against the Afghan resistance group Jamiat-i-Islami, sparked off violent protests in Qamaruddin Garhi, the small village on the outskirts of Peshawar where the bombing occurred, and in other parts of the town, resulting in more injuries.

According to eye-witnesses, local residents fired at the Jamiat office after the explosion, which not only destroyed the bus but resulted in the collapse of a primary school and several houses nearby. Several people were hurt.

Armed police were called out in Qamaruddin Garhi and tear-gas shells were exploded in Peshawar to disperse demonstrators.

In the latest political developments, the foreign ministers of Pakistan and Afghanistan will be meeting in Geneva next Wednesday in talks sponsored by the United Nations.

'Cricket diplomacy'

India embarrassed by visit from Zia

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Indian and Pakistani troops have now completed their pull-back from the most dangerous point of confrontation on the Punjab border, the Indian Defence Ministry announced yesterday, ahead of a visit here this weekend by the Pakistani President, General Zia al-Haq, for what is being termed some "cricket diplomacy".

The term for General Zia's visit is in the style of the "ping pong diplomacy" which opened relations between the US and China in the late 1960s, since he is coming here to watch the Pakistan touring team play a Test match.

But the visit is none the less *proving something of an* embarrassment to the Indians, as they have no wish at the present time to embark on full negotiations with the Pakistani head of state.

It is also proving to be a fertile source of material for India's newspaper cartoonists.

He is coming first to Delhi, and will be lodged in the imperial splendour of the presidential palace, but no formal talks have yet been written into his programme, although it still has not been completed.

At present it seems he will meet Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, for dinner tomorrow and will have *the opportunity of an informal* chat over the *murgh masala.* Afterwards there may or there may not be a tête-à-tête, and on Sunday General Zia will fly to Jaipur. He will lunch with the two teams, watch some cricket, and return to Islamabad early on Monday.

It seems likely that President Zia will want to make some large gesture and to try to press India to sign a no-war, or at least a non-aggression, pact. The Delhi talks between the foreign secretaries, which produced the pull-out accord, did make a move in that direction by having both sides agree not to attack each other in the situation they were in.

For Mr Gandhi, however, the situation is too fraught to allow for a simple gesture. He and his colleagues will wish to prise a good deal more out of the other side before they come close to signing such a deal.

The Indians will thus pass up the chance to have any kind of in-depth talks with the Pakistanis, and the next formal contact between the two sides is expected to be again *at senior civil servant level in* Islamabad, during which they will discuss the modalities of the next stages of the troop pull-back, sector by sector.

Yesterday's announcement indicated that the Pakistanis had pulled their Northern Army Reserve, consisting of six armoured and seven infantry divisions, back to their peacetime locations, and had disengaged their troops in the highly sensitive Shakargarh bulge, which juts at the jugular vein linking Kashmir with the rest of India.

The Indians have themselves pulled back armoured formations and infantry from the corridor formed by the Ravi and Chenab rivers, and have returned them to their cantonments. The pull-back has been constantly monitored by the directors-general of military operations of each Army, who have been in constant touch over a "hot line" across the border.

India's biggest-ever peacetime exercise, codenamed "Brass Tacks", is now free to continue in the Rajasthan desert between Bikaner and Jaisalmer.

Hi-tech 'threat to music business'

From David Watts, Tokyo

If Digital Audio Tape (DAT) recorders were allowed freely into Europe, "our creative people might be pushed back to the Middle Ages", a senior official of the European Economic Community said yesterday.

Herr Heinrich von Moltke, Director of Industrial Policy in the European Commission, said that, because DAT allowed for a perfect copy, "it blurs the distinction between private and commercial copies".

"It is that distinction on which our copyright laws are based," he told the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Tokyo on the day another Japanese manufacturer announced the launching of its entry into the DAT field.

The problem had originated with conventional audio tape, said Herr Moltke, but "now it extends to high-quality copying, and digital copying allows an unlimited number of quasi-identical copies. This is something really new.

"Creativity is the real stimulus to our human life and we are coming to a situation where our creative people are going to be pushed back to the Middle Ages," he said. "In the Middle Ages you had to be a monk or a servant to a king to keep your livelihood when you were a creative man, highly dependent on personal favours and very exposed to economic hardships.

Herr Moltke said he was speaking for both Europeans and Japanese when he said that a whole industry had been created on the creativity of those in the music business. "They're basing their whole business on copyright, and our copyright is becoming obsolete through the new technology," he said.

He did not know what solution would be found, but said "it's clear the technology in itself must be dealt with, or otherwise a whole segment of our creative economy is being threatened".

The latest entry in the DAT field is from Matsushita, which markets its products in Britain under the Panasonic brand. Its DAT deck will go on the market the same day as Aiwa's, March 2. At least one other manufacturer is expected to get into the market around the same time.

To prevent the copying of compact discs, the Matsushita DAT records only at 48 kilohertz, but can play back at both 48 and 44.1 kilohertz, the latter being the frequency that CD players use.

But dealers in Tokyo's Akihabara district of electronic shops already say *a small switch can be added to* the new DATs to allow the change of frequency necessary to copy CDs.

Matsushita says its new machine also has a copyguard code in its software preventing digital recording.

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Armed raid brings South Africa homelands near to war

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Two of South Africa's nominally "independent" tribal homelands, Ciskei and Transkei, moved to the brink of war yesterday when a group of about 25 heavily armed men in trucks and cars attacked the official residence of Chief Lennox Sebe, Ciskei's President-for-life.

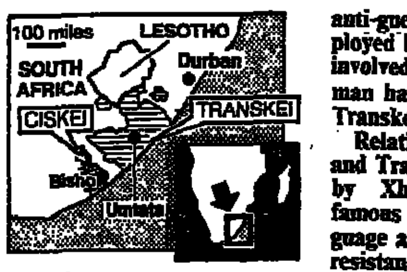
At least one of the attackers was reported to have been killed. President Sebe was not injured in the assault, which is presumed to have been launched from Transkei. The two midget states border the Indian Ocean and are separated only by a narrow strip of "white" South African territory containing the port of East London.

Ciskei's Director of Communications, Mr Headman Somtunzi, claimed last night that the purpose of the failed attack had been to hold President Sebe hostage so that the Ciskei people would "panic and capitulate to the merger of the Ciskei and the Transkei".

The attack occurred before dawn yesterday in Bisho, Ciskei's Lilliputian capital, built on a low hill in the six years since the territory was granted "independence" by Pretoria. President Sebe's large brick residence is part of a well-guarded compound containing other administrative buildings.

Apart from the compound, which also contains Ciskei's legislative assembly, the other buildings of most note in Bisho are a luxury hotel and casino.

Mr Somtunzi said the attack started at about 2 am, when the group of 25 men drew up outside the President's home. "Suddenly there was an exchange of gunfire, and during the ensuing gun battle the Ciskei soldiers overpowered the attackers, who fled, leaving behind their trucks, cars and some munitions."



He claimed to have proof that the men had passed through South African territory to launch the attack, and that members of the Selous Scouts, the former Rhodesian anti-guerrilla unit, now employed by Transkei, had been involved. He said the dead man had been identified as a Transkei soldier.

Relations between Ciskei and Transkei, both populated by Xhosa-speaking blacks famous for their "click" language and a long tradition of resistance to white rule, have been very tense since last September when General Charles Sebe, half-brother of Lennox, was sprung from jail in Ciskei.

General Sebe, Ciskei's former security chief and a passionate anti-communist trained by the South African security police, was accused of plotting against his half-brother and jailed for 12 years in 1984. He is now living in the Transkei, and believed in Ciskei to have been behind yesterday's attack.

Early last month an exchange of prisoners was arranged between Ciskei and Transkei by a South African Supreme Court judge, and this was thought to have defused the situation. But three weeks later the Transkei Army claimed to have foiled an attempt by Ciskei to abduct or assassinate General Sebe.

Transkei, which became "independent" in 1976 and has a population of some 3,000,000 (compared to Ciskei's 925,000), never accepted the legitimacy of Ciskei's "independence" in 1981. Transkei's legendary Matanzima brothers, Kaiser and George, lay hereditary claim to the leadership of all Xhosas.

The role of the South Africans is not clear. Although they created the Ciskei and Transkei as separate entities, they might conceivably have decided that a Greater Transkei, which would certainly make better economic sense, would now suit their purposes better, particularly as it would restore their former protégé, General Sebe, to a position of power.

Pretoria frees British lecturer held for two months without trial

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

A 35-year-old British subject, Ms Josephine Beall, who is a lecturer in the Department of African Studies at the University of Natal, has been released after more than two months in detention without trial under South Africa's notorious security laws.

Ms Beall's case was raised in a letter to *The Times* on Wednesday, signed by 60 members of Oxford Academics Against Apartheid.

The letter referred to the detention as "a gross infringement both of academic freedom and of individual liberty committed by the South African security police in Natal".

Arrested at her home in Durban around midnight on December 12 of last year, she was held in the security police headquarters in the port city until January 16, when she was transferred to a hospital suffering from acute depression.

She was released from the hospital on the morning of February 17, after being kept in a private room under constant police guard, her lawyer, Mr Peter Rutch, said yesterday.

Ms Beall belongs to the small group of whites who have been detained under the security laws, and the even more sweeping provisions of the State of Emergency regulations, in force since June 12 of last year.

She was held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, a permanent feature of South African law.

This section empowers a policeman of the rank of lieutenant-colonel or above to detain any person indefinitely for interrogation for security reasons.

The Detainees' Parents Support Committee (DPSC) estimates that 2,840 people were imprisoned last year under the Act, 413 of them under section 29, and that possibly another 25,000 to 30,000 have been held for varying periods under the emergency regulations.

As is usual under section 29, Ms Beall was held in solitary confinement and denied access to a lawyer, relatives or friends.

A police spokesman refused yesterday to comment on the reasons for her detention, or even to confirm that she had been detained.

A close friend of Ms Beall's, Mr Peter Metlerkamp, head of the Audio-Visual Media Centre at the University of Durban-Westville, told *The Times* yesterday that she was still under psychiatric care, and did not yet feel up to talking to the press.

A colleague at the Department of Africa Studies at the University of Natal, Miss Heather Hughes, said that Ms Beall was a member of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid organization, "but so were half the staff at the university".

Friends said Ms Beall hopes to attend a conference in Oxford at the end of next month on the Asian diaspora, at which she plans to deliver a paper on Indian women under the indentured labour system in colonial Natal.

Although born in London and the holder of a British passport, Ms Beall has spent most of her life in South Africa. She is a single parent with an eight-year-old son who was looked after by his father, her former husband, while she was in jail.

Meanwhile, Brigadier Leon Mellet, personal assistant to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, confirmed yesterday that a black adult student at the University of Natal, Nomgcobo Sangweni, who was also mentioned in the letter to *The Times*, is still being held under section 29.

Last week 110 South African legal academics called for the release from jail of Mr Raymond Suttner, a senior lecturer in law at the University of the Witwatersrand and a prominent member of the UDF, who has been detained under the emergency regulations since June 12 of last year.

"As lawyers, we find it difficult to accept the concept of detention without trial and are deeply distressed that a person can be held as a prisoner for some six months without appearing in court on any charge," they said.

South Africa's former Ambassador to London, Dr Denis Worrall, is to run as an independent candidate in the white general election on May 6 against Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and leader of the ruling National Party in the Cape (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg).

Dr Worrall said he was confident he could unseat Mr Heunis in his Helderberg constituency, near Stellenbosch in the Western Cape.

Colombo improves its offer to Tamils

From Vijitha Yapa
Colombo

The Sri Lanka Government has told India that its armed forces will not carry out any further military operations in the troubled Northern Province if the Tamil guerrillas will renounce violence and stop interfering with the legal administration of the area.

President Jayewardene told the Sri Lanka Parliament yesterday that this was one of the points in a letter given to the Indian High Commissioner on February 13, in reply to a letter from Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, on February 9. Mr Gandhi said in his letter that, as long as current military operations against Tamil civilians continue and other discriminatory measures affecting civilians exist, India is not in a position to resume talks.

President Jayewardene said in reply that if the main guerrilla group, called the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), is prepared to meet the Sri Lankan Government, talks may be held in Delhi with the assistance of the Indian Government.

President Jayewardene also told Mr Gandhi that there will be an amnesty to armed separatists when they give up their arms.

Among the documents tabled before Parliament yesterday were the proposals that emerged from talks between President Jayewardene and two Indian ministers on December 19 1986. They reveal that Sri Lanka would consider the creation of an office of Vice-President, appointed by the President for a specific term. Observers feel that such a post may be held by a Tamil.

Sandbags protect a shop in Jaffna, where fighting between Tamil guerrillas and the Army has damaged shopfronts.

Impasse resolved on EEC budget

From Richard Owen
Strasbourg

The European Parliament finally resolved this year's EEC budget impasse yesterday, approving a 1987 budget of £26.5 billion.

This cleared the way for Sir Henry Plumb, the new president of the Parliament, to sign the budget into law.

But Euro-MPs noted that the compromise budget made use of accounting devices proposed by EEC budget ministers as a way out of the deadlock over spending levels.

They said the "maximum rate" of 8.1 per cent at which spending may increase under EEC law, although theoretically observed, had been exceeded to take account of the European Parliament's demand for extra spending.

Mr David Curry, Conservative MEP for Essex North-East and the Parliament's budget rapporteur, said the immediate budget crisis had been settled but it would swiftly prove inadequate and a supplementary budget was inevitable.

EEC officials say that overspending is likely to exceed £3 billion this year.

MEPs said budget planning had been thrown into turmoil by the radical and far-reaching proposals for an overhaul of EEC financing put to the Parliament on Wednesday by M Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, who wants to shift the basis of EEC revenue-gathering from national VAT receipts to a wealth tax based on gross national product.

It is not clear if proposals for a draft 1988 budget will be on the basis of an increased VAT rate or the new GNP system.

Heineken abductors jailed for 11 years

Amsterdam (Reuter) – A Dutch court sentenced two Dutchmen to 11 years' imprisonment yesterday for their part in the kidnapping in 1983 of the Dutch beer magnate, Mr Freddie Heineken, in which $11 million (£7.2 million) was paid in ransom money.

Willem Holleeder, aged 28, and Cor van Hout, aged 29, were arrested in Paris three years ago. Dutch authorities twice filed extradition requests in an attempt to bring the men to court here on the same charges which earlier put two other Heineken kidnappers behind bars.

Holleeder and van Hout's heavily publicized three-year stint in France, where they publicly toasted each other with cans of Heineken beer, included a mystery tour to the French Caribbean after the Dutch withdrew a first extradition request.

Gurkha threat

Calcutta (Reuter) — Mr Subhash Ghising, leader of a Gurkha movement for statehood in north-east India, said police were terrorizing his people and the Gurkhas would "take up arms" if the situation did not change.

Réunion aid

Brussels (AP) — The EEC has granted £185,500 in emergency aid to Réunion island in the Indian Ocean, which was struck by a hurricane on February 13.

72 charged

Johannesburg (AP) — Seventy-two students and teachers from a black homeland have been charged with burning to death a man they claimed was a witch doctor who could turn people into zombies.

Pirate hunt

Monrovia (Reuter) — Liberian security forces are searching for knife-wielding pirates who raided a Greek timber ship off Monrovia.

Hotel burns

Mombasa (Reuter) — All 276 European tourists staying at the Reef Hotel, on the Kenyan coast, escaped unhurt when the building was gutted by fire.

Jungle cat

Delhi (Reuter) — More than 100 firemen, workers and armed police ringed an industrial training centre as zoo officials tried to coax out a big jungle cat — a leopard or a panther — believed trapped in the air-conditioning ducts.

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'Ivan the Terrible' trial

Contradictory evidence on killing of Ukrainian guard in camp uprising

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

"Ivan the Terrible" is dead, his body burnt in one of the gas chambers where he pushed tens of thousands of Jews to their deaths, according to written defence evidence put forward here yesterday at the trial for war crimes of John Demjanjuk.

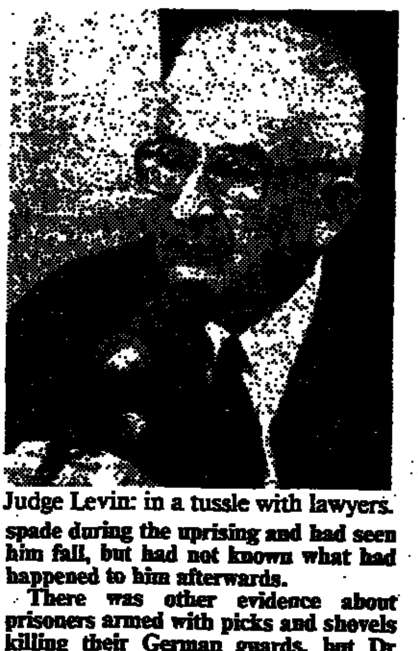
The evidence was one of four written accounts by survivors of the death camp at Treblinka, claiming that the hated Ukrainian executioner had been killed during an uprising in the camp on August 2 1943. If true, the statements would obviously mean it is impossible for Mr Demjanjuk to be "Ivan the Terrible".

Asked about this evidence, Dr Yitzhak Arad, a leading historian of the Holocaust, said he had taken it with a pinch of salt. " 'Ivan the Terrible' was such a hated figure, his killing became a symbol of the success of the uprising," he said.

The evidence, presented by Mr Yoram Sheftel, the Jewish defence counsel, was categoric that the camp executioner had died. Mr Shlomo Hellmann, in evidence given before he died, described how, after the uprising began, "other groups overpowered the Germans and 'Ivan the Terrible' was put into the furnace and the gas chambers were set on fire".

Dr Arad said the gas chambers were built of stone and would have been difficult to burn and that it was probably the wooden accommodation huts which had been set on fire. He said that records showed that 8,000 people had been gassed at the camp after the uprising.

Another survivor, Mr Cheim Streier, now living in Australia, had sent a letter claiming that he had hit "Ivan" with a spade during the uprising and had seen him fall, but had not known what had happened to him afterwards.



Judge Levin: in a tussle with lawyers.

There was other evidence about prisoners armed with picks and shovels killing their German guards, but Dr Arad said that no Germans had actually died and only one was wounded during the uprising. "It seems to be more wishful thinking than what actually happened," he said.

A written description of "Ivan" was read out. It said he was "about 30 years of age, with massive shoulders, dark hair, sallow complexion and a face beaming with excitement".

The tall, powerfully-built defendant is now aged 67. He has very little grey hair and a red complexion. He does have a beaming smile with which he fixes the television cameras when he is led into his specially protected white police van at the start and end of each day's proceedings. He might or might not match the description.

Most of yesterday's hearing was a legal tussle between the judge, Justice Dov Levin, and the leading lawyers for both defence and prosecution. The judge wanted to move the case along and had obviously hoped to see the first survivor in the witness stand before the day was out. But no matter how he tried, the proceedings kept getting bogged down.

The American defence lawyer, Mr Mark O'Connor, seemed to be trying to set a record for the number of objections he could make, while Mr Yona Blattman, the State Attorney, carried out a ponderous re-examination of Dr Arad and tried unsuccessfully to persuade the judge to allow him to introduce new documents.

Mr O'Connor also complained frequently about the noises from the crowd, thronged into the auditorium of the converted theatre where the case is being heard.

When the judge ordered Mr O'Connor to sit down, the crowd hissed when he refused and hissed again when he objected to them hissing. Mr O'Connor complained: "There is no control in the courtroom."

The audience is becoming increasingly involved in the scene on stage and Mr O'Connor is now very aware that they are largely hostile.

The judge has also had trouble from someone in the audience. "For some strange reason someone here has tried to send letters to me through the Clerk," he announced angrily. "This is unconscionable. I demand categorically you do not interfere with this court."

The case was adjourned until Sunday.

Nigerian disputes worry Whitehall

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Two disputes with Nigeria were causing concern yesterday that Whitehall's efforts to improve relations with President Babangida's Government could be endangered.

Britain's £450,000 new visa office in Lagos remained closed for the fourth day running, despite intense diplomatic efforts. Only emergency visas have been issued since last Friday. Meanwhile, a long-running disagreement over British flights to Kano has resurfaced months after it was apparently settled.

Whitehall sources and Nigerian diplomats insisted that the two issues were unconnected and expressed optimism that the visa office dispute would soon be settled.

Business and other sources were unconvinced, pointing to coincidences of timing. Some believe that both disputes are "surrogate issues", concealing displeasure in Lagos over new British regulations requiring Nigerians to obtain visas to enter Britain.

In both cases Nigerian officials have surprised Whitehall with apparently peremptory actions, the first just before the new visa regulations came into force on February 1, the second 11 days later.

Nigeria's Minister of Transport and Aviation, Brigadier Useni, took aviation circles by surprise by giving a year's notice to cancel Nigeria's air services agreement unless renegotiated sooner.

Whitehall officials now understand that Lagos wants British Caledonian to stop serving Kano, an issue that was thought to have been settled last year on terms highly favourable to the Nigerians.

The complaint had been that British Caledonian serves two Nigerian airports, while Nigerian Airways flies only to London.

The British reply was that Nigerian Airways was welcome to fly to other British airports, but this was not accepted. British Caledonian agreed to pay compensation to Nigerian Airways.

The second dispute was equally sudden. Last Wednesday the British High Commission in Lagos was given 48 hours' notice to close the new visa office, only 11 days after it opened. It was set up to handle applications from the 200,000 Nigerians who visit Britain annually.

Until February 1 they did not need visas, unlike Britons travelling in the opposite direction. The Nigerian Government has never officially objected to the regulations, which also affect visitors from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ghana, but there has been strong criticism in the Nigerian press.

The official reason for the closure demand was that visa applicants were causing traffic chaos in a busy street. Whitehall officials insist that the Lagos authorities were consulted on many occasions and did not raise planning objections.

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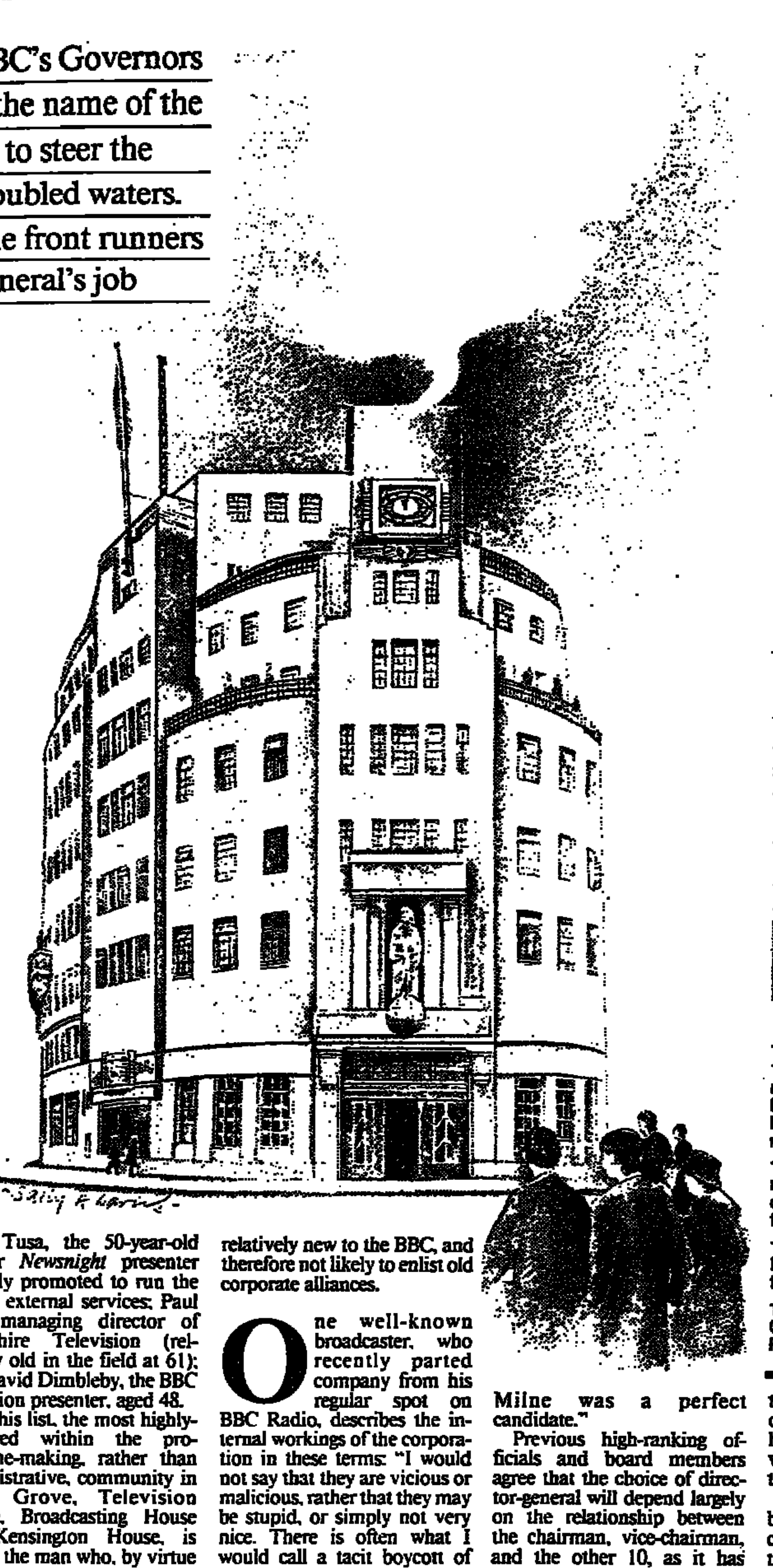
Who'll rule the waves?

Early next week the BBC's Governors are expected to reveal the name of the man they will trust to steer the corporation out of troubled waters. **Alan Franks** reviews the front runners for the director-general's job



There will be no puffs of white smoke rising, in the manner of the Vatican, above the 1930s ramparts of Broadcasting House next week when the identity of the new BBC director-general is revealed. Merely a bland and bureaucratic announcement, at which the corporation is so good, to declare the name of the successor to Alasdair Milne, who was for five years the incumbent of one of the most untenable jobs in broadcasting.

Since the closing date for the applications 10 days ago, the 12-strong Board of Governors has convened one of its routine fortnightly meetings to assess the merits of some 130 aspirants to the post. When the announcement is made, probably on Monday or Thursday, the likelihood is that the board, or at least a part of it, will have interviewed about six candidates comprising the short list.

The most significant development since Milne's departure is that while there has been speculation within the BBC that his job would be split into two parts — administrative and editorial — the board now appears to be in favour of appointing a single supremo, thus ironically reproducing the role that Milne was unable, in the corporation's view, to fulfil.

Hot favourites: Brian Wenham (left) and Jeremy Isaacs

At present the reins are held by Michael Checkland, aged 50, the deputy director-general who is, in the absence of a permanent appointee, the *de facto* head of the corporation. While he remains a plausible candidate for DG, senior members of the BBC believe that he could not hope to do more than deputize, in an accountant's capacity (he is a former head of television resources), for an all-powerful leader with an editorial background.

The two men most widely bruited for such a role remain Jeremy Isaacs, 54, the chief executive of Channel Four, and Brian Wenham, 49, the managing director of BBC Radio.

There are others — notably John Tusa, the 50-year-old former *Newsnight* presenter recently promoted to run the BBC's external services; Paul Fox, managing director of Yorkshire Television (relatively old in the field at 61); and David Dimbleby, the BBC television presenter, aged 48.

Of this list, the most highly-favoured within the programme-making, rather than administrative, community in Lime Grove, Television Centre, Broadcasting House and Kensington House, is Isaacs, the man who, by virtue of his own highly regarded programmes on topics like Ireland and the Middle East, is thought most likely to guarantee the independence of the producers.

But no matter what the feelings of the staff may be, the two crucial parties in the impending decision are Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the corporation, and Lord Barnett, his vice-chairman. One thing that makes the speculation about the identity of the new director-general so intriguing is that both men are relatively new to the BBC, and therefore not likely to enlist old corporate alliances.

One well-known broadcaster, who recently parted company from his regular spot on BBC Radio, describes the internal workings of the corporation in these terms: "I would not say that they are vicious or malicious, rather that they may be stupid, or simply not very nice. There is often what I would call a tacit boycott of people. So-and-so is OK, or he is not OK. Yes, I agree, this may be common to life in all sorts of companies. I don't know. The thing about these prejudices is that they never get minuted, or recorded in any way. They simply take place; they are there.

"Milne did nothing wrong, himself, apart from the fact that he was there when things were going wrong. There is without a doubt this scapegoat mentality within the BBC. People there are always casting about for someone to blame. Milne was a perfect candidate."

Previous high-ranking officials and board members agree that the choice of director-general will depend largely on the relationship between the chairman, vice-chairman, and the other 10, as it has always done.

One very senior member of the television hierarchy puts it like this: "Everyone is saying that it will be Isaacs or Wenham, backed up by Checkland. Well, possibly, but I believe that the whole thing is very open. Much more open than even the governors are aware. I think what we will have is a genuinely open-minded board (interview), with the different candidates being assessed on their own merits. In other words, a job application like any other. I think that in the past the minds of the members of the board have been made up in advance, but I don't think that is the case here."

The BBC defines the board's role as "the supreme controlling authority, and trustees of the public interest in broadcasting". This body in turn appoints the administrative board of management, again with 12 members, comprising the director-general himself; the deputy; the managing directors of TV, radio, and external broadcasting (currently Bill Cotton, Brian Wenham and John Tusa respectively); the assistant director-general (Alan Protheroe); and six directors (including Michael Grade, director of programmes).

The prevailing view in Broadcasting House and Television Centre is that the board of governors has too much control over the making of programmes, and that the next director-general must be prepared to fight his corner.

Senior producers there would like nothing more than to see a return to the liberalizing days of Sir Hugh Carleton Greene's tenure of the office. They still nurse the fear that even before next week's announcement, the decision will already have been taken. "I suspect that the very nature of this job is that it goes with the spirit of the time," says a TV executive with 20 years' experience of the BBC. "Greene was an inevitable choice for the 1960s, with his brand of democratic liberalism; Trethowan, the diplomat, for the 1970s; and Milne, unromantic, for the 1980s."

TODAY'S DECISION-MAKERS

The BBC's board of governors are appointed by the Prime Minister and Home Secretary for a tenure of not more than five years and are at present:

Chairman: Marmaduke Hussey, the former chief executive and manager of Times Newspapers

Vice-chairman: Lord Barnett, politician. Former chairman of Public Accounts Committee. Trustee of Victoria and Albert Museum.

National governor for Northern Ireland: Dr James Kincade, headmaster of the Methodist College in Belfast.

National governor for Wales: John Parry, former president of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

National governor for Scotland: Watson Peat, farmer, broadcaster, former director of Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives. Also a JP.

OTHER GOVERNORS.

Sir Curtis Keeble: Former British ambassador to West Germany and USSR.

Miss Jocelyn Barrow: Former general-secretary of Campaign Against Racial Discrimination.

Miss Daphne Park: Principal of Somerville College, Oxford. Former diplomat.

Sir John Boyd: Former divisional organizer of engineering workers' union AUEW. Labour Party Chairman, 1967.

Malcolm McAlpine: Works for family construction company. Non-executive interests in Royal Insurance and Bank of Novia Scotia.

Lady Parkes: Former member of Press Council. Chairman of BBC Radio London Advertising Council.

Lord Harewood: Former managing director of English National Opera and president of Football Association

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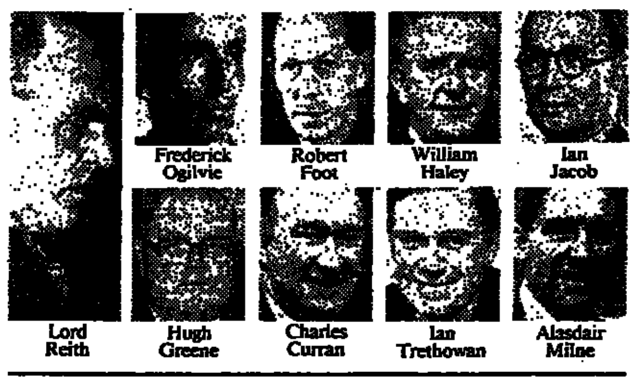

Frederick Ogilvie, Robert Foot, William Haley, Ian Jacob, Lord Reith, Hugh Greene, Charles Curran, Ian Trethowan, Alasdair Milne

1922: First general manager of British Broadcasting Company is **Lord Reith.** Emphasis on religion and ecucation.

1938: Frederick Ogilvie. A man of "fine character and outlook" but "not the man for the BBC", said Reith.

1942: Robert W. Foot. First D-G with a specific brief for finance and administration.

1944: William Haley. Committed to excellence in Reithian tradition.

1952: Ian Jacob. Resisted cuts in external services.

1960: Hugh Greene. Right man for the emerging liberalism of the 1960s.

1969: Charles Curran. Demanded that programmes present facts before opinions.

1977: Ian Trethowan. Largely responsible for decentralization of BBC operations.

1982: Alasdair Milne. Casualty of Conservative Central Office sensitivity.

Space-age Senator

It is 25 years to the day since US politician John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth — but he can recall every second

Twenty-five years ago today one of America's top test pilots, cramped in a tiny 10ft capsule atop a giant rocket, blasted off into space and history, becoming the first American to orbit the earth. He was a pioneer of a space programme that only seven years later was to land the first man on the moon.

Today that cone-shaped vehicle, packed with instruments and charred from the blazing re-entry into the atmosphere, is on display in Washington's Smithsonian museum, an object of awe for millions of visitors. Its fresh-faced blue-eyed occupant, a man who became at 40 an overnight hero and a symbol of American daring, is now the senior Senator from Ohio, a respected middle-of-the-road Democrat who busies himself with committees, appropriations, defence and the myriad demands of representing a big midwestern state.

How did it feel, alone and strapped down, waiting for the final count-down? John Glenn thought back, soft-voiced and dispassionate, to the moment he has been asked to recall a thousand times. Yes, he admitted, he was nervous — "but not to the point where you let it interfere with what you're trying to do". But he added, disarmingly: "How do you think you'd feel if you knew you were on top of that thing, built by the lowest bidder on a government contract? I had a great deal more confidence than most people, but, of course, I knew the dangers."

So did his family. His wife Annie had watched him throughout the arduous training, practising his forthcoming flight over and over again. Even his children were fully briefed: "I wanted them to have confidence in what we were doing," he explained.

Glenn remembered, as if still seeing it, the sensation of travelling 17,545 miles an hour, five miles each second, at between 99 and 162 miles above the earth. Altogether he made three orbits, taking 4 hours 56 minutes. His family's support was clearly of enormous importance, and was perhaps the reason why he did not suffer the anti-climax other astronauts found so burdensome after their missions were over.

An instant celebrity, he was received at the White House by President Kennedy, addressed a joint session of Congress, heard his name and story on every lip. But he knew, realistically, that he would be too old for a chance at the really big prize, the flight to the moon. And he was already planning for a new life — his fourth career — in politics (he had previously been a wartime Marine Corps airman, then a test pilot). The chance came in 1974. He won the election in his native state, and became Senator Glenn.

Space, of course, remains an interest. Glenn has always been a proponent of the space programme, not just for itself, but because he sees it as the epitome of US education and research, the demanding standards which he says have made the US a great nation and must be maintained. The Shuttle tragedy moved him deeply but, he said in a matter-of-fact way: "I am surprised we didn't lose more on the way".

Yesterday's man and today's: two faces of John Glenn

Glenn has had two shots at the White House: in 1976 he was considered as Jimmy Carter's running mate, but Carter chose Walter Mondale instead; in 1984, Glenn ran against Mondale for the nomination but his perceived "dullness", his lack of an organization to match Mondale's, plus the extraordinary bandwagon put together by Gary Hart, squeezed Glenn out.

So now he is content to remain the Senator for Ohio — a thorough, decent, hard-working lawmaker, though not one of the chamber's flashiest speakers. Recalling the challenges and changes of the past 25 years, he said the one thing he promised his wife when they were married was that life with him would never be dull. "But I think she wishes it had been a little quieter at times."

Michael Binyon

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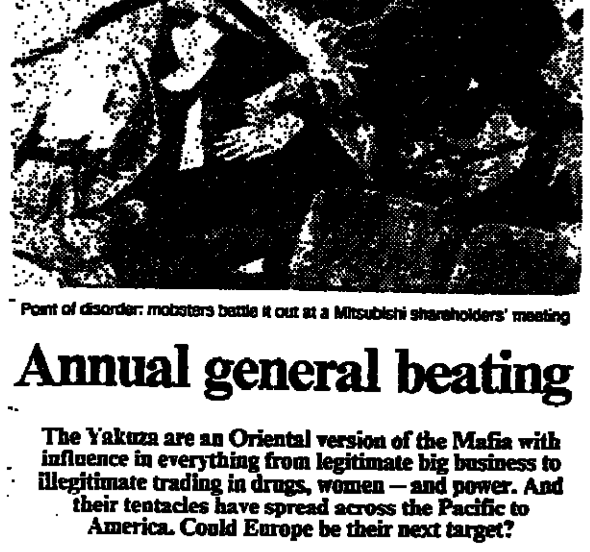

Point of disorder: mobsters battle it out at a Mitsubishi shareholders' meeting

Annual general beating

The Yakuza are an Oriental version of the Mafia with influence in everything from legitimate big business to illegitimate trading in drugs, women — and power. And their tentacles have spread across the Pacific to America. Could Europe be their next target?

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Sunderland's rising sons

As Leyland prepares to go Dutch, Nissan's new plant on Tyneside goes from strength to strength

The siren sounds at ten o'clock and 25 cheerful faces sit down round a huge blue table close to the production line, examining the contents of lunch boxes and passing round coffee mugs — much as they would in any other UK car plant.

But these enthusiastic Sunderland lads work at the new Nissan car plant, which can produce cars for up to £500 less than Dagenham, Luton or Longbridge. Disappointingly, they didn't start the day singing the company song or doing Japan's answer to Mad Lizzy's aerobic routines. And those who come to see awesome advanced production technology and armies of computer-controlled robots building cars will be still further disappointed.

The £50 million plant, opened last September by Mrs Thatcher, is sited on Sunderland's desolate former airport. Compact, modern and effective it may be, but it has no production technology you couldn't see in any other British car factory. The difference lies in the way the small workforce is organized, trained and motivated. This is what rivals should fear most, though they stand little chance of grooming their workers to match the commitment of the Nissan men — about as much as the unions have of getting Austin Rover, Ford, Peugeot and Vauxhall to match Nissan's common status for managers and workers.

At the Sunderland plant no one clocks on or loses money for lateness; everyone has private health care; everyone is paid for sick leave. Most British managers will say that these concessions are unworkable: even in Japan, Nissan workers clock on in time-honoured fashion.

Peter Wickens, Nissan's personnel director, a former industrial relations manager at Ford's Dagenham body plant, explains his rationale, devoid of Japanese dogma and company rules: "You have to make a decision; either everyone clocks on, or nobody does. In my view attendance and lateness are nothing to do with clocking on and all to do with motivation. We do not have a lateness problem."

Supervisor Dennis Ware: staggered by the skill of the Japanese

Absenteeism runs at just 2 per cent of the workforce, compared with 6 per cent on average for the North-east and over 10 per cent for Nissan's British car rivals. Every working day the men arrive on the line at eight o'clock for a five-minute meeting with the supervisor to discuss production targets, special quality problems and other matters. If someone is late, the supervisor knows immediately.

Dennis Ware is a supervisor who has crossed the great divide to Nissan from the same job at Austin Rover's Cowley plant, earning up to £15,500. Why did he come north? "I was interested in the green-field site, that was the biggest attraction for me," he says.

In the Saatchi and Saatchi television commercials for the Sunderland factory, coachloads of fresh-faced workers are seen setting off for Japan. In fact 133 new recruits spent up to six months on Nissan's Japanese production lines.

Five months in Sunderland's Oppama sister plant clearly made an impression on Ware — "what staggered us was the skill level of the Japanese, and their speed" — but now it is a matter of honour for him that his productivity targets are the same as Oppama's.

And the 25 workers on Ware's section of the door assembly line are beginning to match the expertise of their Japanese counterparts, knowing that they are something of an elite — some 11,500 people applied for jobs at Nissan and the personnel director says: "We had difficulty finding 300 to the right standard."

In the entrance hall, the paint on the red Bluebird model is exceptionally well finished. "At least as good as the Japanese," is how Ian Gibson, deputy managing director, puts the achievement. Posters around the factory set the tone for the future: "Our target is the best quality cars in Europe."

For the time being key quality parts like the body panels and wiring loom come by sea from Japan, but by 1991 more than 80 per cent of the components for the Sunderland-built cars will come from the EEC, mainly Britain. By then the Government will have spent over £100 million in grants for the factory expansion, which will see output rise from 24,000 to 100,000 cars a year.

For Nissan's rivals, the cold message is that only 2,700 workers will be needed to make them (Vauxhall would need twice that number).

There is a rush back to the line as the siren sounds at quarter past ten. The 25 lads, every one hand picked by Ware, will work not until 10 minutes before the end of the shift, but for as long as it takes to meet the planned production. Everything in Sunderland is going according to plan.

Daniel Ward

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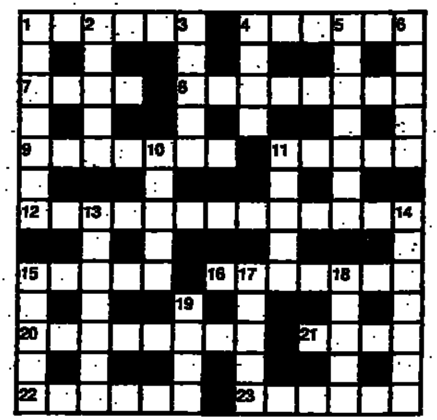

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FRIDAY PAGE

Big Apple and crystal ball

New York may be the slickest and sharpest of cities, but its smartest citizens are turning to tarot cards, psychics and inter-species communicators to solve their problems.

Shirley Lowe tunes in to the good vibrations

The Big Apple is turning into a crystal ball. Everyone you meet in New York seems to be having their palms, cards and minds read or they've just got back from a meaningful session with their psychic. Sit next to Phyllis Levy at a dinner party and she'll tell you about her inter-species communicator; bump into Mary Ann Crenshaw in the street and she produces a chunk of crystal from her chic black leather handbag which, she says, gives out good vibrations and expands her consciousness; look up an old friend, whose husband has left her, and you'll find that she hasn't turned to her mother, her preacher or even her therapist for advice, but to her psychic.

New Yorkers living in the most technologically advanced city in the world currently look like simple Latvian peasants as they turn to tarot cards, tune in to crystal consciousness, and pay psychics more than £160 an hour for making predictions or "channelling" advice from alleged spirits from another world or another time.

Phyllis Levy, a top executive in New York's largest talent agency, has a cat called Barnaby who is so neurotic that he spends his days under a sofa, and has almost permanent colitis; Levy called in Samantha Khurrie, an inter-species communicator, on a "try anything" basis. Khurrie talks to animals by picking up their vibrations. She is retained by racehorse owners and zoos and, after chatting to the elephants at the San Diego zoo, was able to pass on their complaints about their quarters to the proper authorities. She went into Levy's bedroom with Barnaby and, after an hour, came out saying things like: "He told me how he felt on the day the street blew up and rocked the apartment, and I managed to calm him down and explain." Barnaby, she said, had suffered a deprived kittenhood and she instructed his owner: "Think that your hands are large, warm, furry mittens filled with love."

Levy was sceptical as she wrote out the cheque for £65. "But then I mentioned that I had to take both my cats to the vet the following day, and how they always screamed and fought when I tried to put them in their boxes. 'Oh I'll just talk to them about that,' said Samantha. And guess what? The next day, for the first time in 12 years, they jumped into their carrying cases without a whimper."

Mary Ann Crenshaw, a New York fashion editor, says that she was meditating on her bit of crystal (a present from her therapist) and had put herself into a trance — "I'm quite good at that" — when she felt a strong presentiment of danger. "Half an hour later, I walked out of my doorway and was attacked by a large dog." Mary Ann also goes to an astrologer who gives her such useful tips as "Don't get your hair cut today; you'll hate it."

A well-known American novelist who, not surprisingly, doesn't wish to be named, says that when her husband left her after 17 years, she took his photograph to a psychic, who scraped it gently with her fingernail and revealed (over several hourly sessions at £65 a time) the comforting news that the husband was miserable, suicidal and yearned to come home, and that his girlfriend had developed an irritating skin infection. "I didn't believe a word of it at first," says my friend, "but I was totally convinced when she mentioned the girlfriend by name — it's a most unusual nickname — and told me that she drove a grey Mercedes. 'No, that's his car, my husband's,' I said. And then I heard that he'd given it to her."

Along the posh Upper East and Upper West sides there are Reader-Adviser signs where the Nail Clinics used to be.

Maria Costalina of Cozy Nail, off Lexington Avenue in the mid-Fifties, is also offering "Psychic Readings by Mrs Maria — Tarot Cards and Palm Reader — Advice on all Problems"; more than half a dozen restaurants employ resident psychics, so that you can sort out your love-life, or whether or not it's a shrewd move to buy IBM today, between the soup and the spare ribs. Brian Bricker, a video company executive, picked up a tip about a business deal *and* a possible sales strategy, from Carolyn Clark over lunch at the Akbar restaurant; not bad going for less than £7.

Carl Glassman

Joan Satie in the Gypsy Tea Kettle — £5 plus tip for a tarot reading

Gemstone shops like Star Magic and Crystal Resources are selling pieces of quartz crystal, citrine, tourmaline and amethyst. There is a pseudo-scientific belief that these gemstones have curative powers; a Manhattan businessman, Richard Perl, who ritually drops a crystal into his pocket each morning, says it helps him concentrate and negotiate contracts.

There are now some 2,500 shops in the United States selling books on the paranormal and related topics, and they are pushing the popular "How to be Young and Beautiful and Make a Million Dollars and Be Loved While You're Doing It" handbooks off the shelves of general book shops.

Shirley Maclaine, who discovered spiritualism in the mid-1970s, has sold 5 million copies of her four-book psychic autobiography (telling of her trek through the film and spirit world), and has two of them in the American best-seller charts. Her fourth book, *Dancing in the Light* — in which she describes an out-of-body experience as a suicide victim in fabled Atlantis — is published in paperback in Britain today. Luckily she has come back from Atlantis in time for ABC TV's mini-series based on her first book, *Out on a Limb*, and for her 10-city spiritual-seminar tour for which she is charging $300 (about £195) per person: "$100 for mind, $100 for body, $100 for spirit.

"I've made it all right for people who've been thinking about these things in private to do them with less fear and ridicule," Maclaine told *US News & World Report*.

This psychic sub-culture has been labelled New Age thinking, but there are plenty of people who think it's a lot of old nonsense and that Shirley Maclaine is not so much out on a limb as out of her mind. They point to such publications as *Psychic Guide*, which specializes in "interviews" with dead celebrities — John Lennon came through to tell them: "Carole Lombard was there, and I took to her. We are capable of having sex over here."

"Psychics are either deluding themselves, or the public, or both," comments Professor Paul Kurtz, who heads the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal; Jeffrey Munson, a psychologist who works in the public information office of the Institute of Parapsychology, says: "People may get a good reading, because they unconsciously coach the reader, nod their heads or smile."

New York New-Agers are not like Californian hippies, moping around telling their beads. They tend to seek supernatural answers to practical problems. Psychologist Karlis Osis, at the American Society for Psychical Research in Manhattan, told Georgia Dullea of the *New York Times* that he attributed the current interest in the paranormal to "a desire for more — not just income, but knowledge of the deeper dimensions of life and that also includes the spiritual". Dullea concluded that a desire for more tangible rewards was often the prime motivation for a visit to a psychic, and quoted psychic Patricia Barnes: "Love, money, power — young people today want it all."

I wouldn't mind some of it either; so, brimming with disbelief, I called in at The Gypsy Tea Kettle on Lexington Avenue and faced Joan Satie (£5 plus tip) over a small table. She correctly described my husband and the intricacies of his job without so much as a nod from me. She revealed a surprising knowledge about my family and my work, and told me I'd published two books (true) and had just been asked to write a screenplay (also true) from which I would make a great deal of money.

They obviously know a thing or two, these psychics.

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How to conduct a proper affair

Variety may be the spice of life, but adulterous marriages need a new approach. . .

Adultery isn't the lark it used to be. It's fast losing favour among a generation which aims to be pure of body and mind, uncontaminated by secretions and dedicated to staying calm, investing cleverly and warding off death.

Like it or not, we are in the grip of a new morality. When the married and sexually active embraced jogging, a clutch of wild expectations descended on the western world which changed everything. Suddenly it became important to cheat the Grim Reaper and look good too.

"Fitness" and "Living" pages urge us not only to exercise, but to ditch cigarettes, cleave to steamed vegetables, wallow in mineral water, extend ourselves financially and insure heavily to protect our interests. A quick fling with a ravishing stranger does not feature.

This seems to spell doom for the other woman and the secret lover, who have done so much for history, fiction, tired marriages and business trips. Who will want to know them, now that everyone's secretions are suspect, energy is at a premium and keeping the family together is a good career move?

As the pseudonymous author of a book called *The Infernal Triangle*, which considers the subject at some length, I think I can say they need not despair. Monogamy will not suddenly become second nature to those born to dally.

There'll be endless possibilities for seaside landladies

But if public stonings are to be avoided in today's sterner climate, there must be a change in the ways and means. Even now, I believe, we are witnessing the rise of The New Adultery.

Sex parties may not be very romantic, but romance isn't everyone's cup of tea. For those who are lustful or desperate and keen on sex as a carefree romp, the joy of the sex party is the lack of complication and the scrupulous supervision. Perhaps Friends of the Stock Exchange could meet in a gentrified terraced house, with its own Fax and Telex machines. I'm sure there are endless possibilities for seaside landladies in the low season.

Another face, common to the old adultery, is the familiar, crumpled one, which greets those who enjoy the long, cosy liaisons favoured by the French, who are lazy by nature. It will appeal to those who like to be in love with someone other than the person to whom they are married.

The long liaison is really only practical when there is money in the background, because a lack of salubrious facilities does nothing for protracted passion; when the passion fades, as it inevitably does, comfort is paramount. Discreet, enduring, and as predictable as a marriage, it is ideal for lovers who can do the crossword and talk to their stockbroker at the same time. This rules out those who, in the old days, had one-night-stands with secretaries or the plumber. Variety was the spice of their lives and there's not a lot of variety in a 20-year-stand.

The drawbacks are boredom and exhaustion, because keeping two lifelong commitments going is no easy matter and what's more, it can go badly wrong for those who don't understand the etiquette which is based on no promises, no nagging, and never getting caught.

It will become respectable to flirt with everyone

But neither the sex party nor the long liaison will be the strongest feature of the New Adultery. Its most significant face will be dewy-eyed and aglow, for there will be a return to favour of the much-missed unconsummated affair, which will cause great heartache and generate huge amounts of highly satisfactory suspicion. Lovers will protest to their spouses "But it's not like that, honestly," with their hands on their hearts. But they will not be led into temptation, because the wages of their sin would be simply too dreadful to contemplate. And frankly, it's mainly for fun, to keep the blood flowing.

The acceptability of these relationships will create an interesting new set of sexual cues. It will become perfectly respectable to flirt with everyone, married or not, without placing your body or your virtue in mortal danger. The sexual frisson will do wonders for the complexion and then fade away without anyone feeling silly or rejected; and dreary marriages will be endured that much better, because an adoring figure of the opposite sex hovering in view, but out of range, can only boost the flagging ego.

This was certainly the case in *The Infernal Triangle*, though it is, of course, fiction. The New Adultery may be, too, but I hope not. Should it come to pass, we will at last have a reason to be grateful to joggers.

Barbara Toner

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Barbara Toner writes a weekly column for Woman *as Tessa Wood, whose book* The Infernal Triangle *is published this week by Futura, £1.95.*

TALKBACK

From: Rhiannon Roberts, Bontnewydd, Caernarfon, Gwynedd

Couples who hope to plan the sex of their unborn baby (Monday Page, February 9) should ask themselves why they want children at all. We do not question or decide upon the height, intelligence, temperament or talent therefore why question the sex?

The social problems, that Dr Stanway suggests could result from knowing in advance the sex of the baby, could be avoided by only giving the parents those results of the amniocentesis which refer to the health of the foetus, and by regarding the discussion of the sex as being unethical.

From: Geoffrey J Wilson, Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Rylston Road, London SW6

How sincerely I applaud Wynette Mears' article (First Person, February 11). As a celibate clergyman now well beyond my best years, I have suffered repeated agonies over the difficulties of obtaining a room for single occupancy while on an independent holiday.

Some many years ago I finally despaired of satisfaction from the package tour operators — most of whom, not only impose their impertinent "supplement", but then have the nerve to warn me that I must *expect* "a single room to be inferior in size, amenities, and position."

Life is not much easier for the independent traveller. Only in one splendid hotel in Davos, Switzerland, have I met with unfailing courtesy and consideration equal to that shown to couples. I finally gave up in England when, on complaining to the Manager of a "luxury" hotel in Torquay that my room was dirty, the bed left unmade and the adjacent lift intolerable, I was told: "May I suggest you bring a companion to share your room in future, sir?"

From: Valerie Roan, South Park Road, Wimbledon, London SW19

I recently tried to find a suitable holiday to visit Japan and finally settled on an itinerary with one of the leading travel agents which was expensive, but the best deal I could find. However, I was horrified to discover that there was a single room supplement of between £400 and £700, depending on whether I tacked a four-day stay in Hong Kong or Bangkok on to the end of the time spent in Japan. I have been looking at holidays in Europe, and find that there are still hefty single room supplements in proportion to the package deal offered.

As there are more and more people wishing to go on holiday alone, it would be interesting to see whether leading travel agents are prepared to give any concessions to this increasing market.

Medical Briefing now appears on the Thursday Health Page

Saris and smiles

Lady Olga Maitland, new Tory candidate for Bethnal Green, gets a taste for East Enders

The thing about the street markets in the East End, her Ladyship explained, is that each one has its own particular qualities, its own character and flavour. "Rather like wine," she added, with a gourmet wave of the hand.

If this analogy does not immediately ring bells in Bow, they will surely forgive Lady Olga Maitland. It's early days yet. In a piece of casting which suggests Miss Bonnie Langford may yet play King Kong, the Conservatives have asked Lady Olga to represent them at the next election in Bethnal Green and Stepney.

It is an area where most of the committed wine-drinking is done *al fresco*, from unlabelled bottles by men in torn tennis shoes. However, with smile unsheathed, Lady Olga, gossip columnist and militant anti-militant, plunged yesterday into the street-life of the Whitechapel Road.

Lady Olga knows the area slightly. She used to drive through it, from her Islington home, taking her children to the Montesori School: "The rat run", as it was known to the ladies of Islington.

Ros Drinkwater

Stall talk: Lady Olga inspects one of D. Singh's saris

She immediately went for the common ground: "I love a good curry," she said to an Asian who was showing her his vegetable stall. Somewhere, Edwina must have smiled.

For their part, the tradesmen were delighted. Within seconds of admiring the materials on a sari stall, they had her swathed in shimmering blue. The 42-year-old aristocrat, who had turned out in a sensible green woollen suit, was astonishingly transformed into something altogether more exotic.

But, as she pointed out later, she's something of an immigrant herself: Serbian mother, Scottish father.

It seemed to fire her imagination. At the earring stall she glumly fingered her own discreet pearls as she examined some models that could have substituted for Hollywood chandeliers. "I'm always told I should be more adventurous with my earrings." She was delighted when she learned that the 29-year-old stall-holder, Susan Atkinson, had only just set up in business. That made them two new girls together. "How very brave of you," she whooped, and every earring on the stall tinkled.

Nowhere did she meet a hostile word. Perhaps they were all Conservatives. Perhaps it was an innate hospitality. Or, more likely, it was because they hadn't seen anything quite like her before.

"I'm Olga Maitland," she greeted everyone, extending her hand. At first, I thought she omitted the "Lady" out of caution, but she assured me this was not so. So why leave it out? "It simply isn't form," she said.

When I, rather sneakily, told them that she was a titled lady, it caused no more than a flutter of curiosity. On the wet fish stall, the girl in red rubber gloves said: "I think the aristocrats sometimes understand the working class better than anyone."

Lady Olga thought that was rather sweet. She thought the people were wonderful. She regarded the entire venture as absolutely lovely.

As she headed back West, she was even more enthusiastic about the people. They were rich in pride and culture, she said, and they were certainly not layabouts. Possibly, she conceded, they could be criticized for what she called untidy marital circumstances — "they have children but they're not frightfully keen on getting married."

But, by and large, for what was little more than a blind date, it was quite successful. With the air of one who has chanced upon a great discovery Lady Olga proclaimed: "These people are not daft."

I suspect this may be what the East End is saying about Lady Olga.

Colin Duncan

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MONDAY

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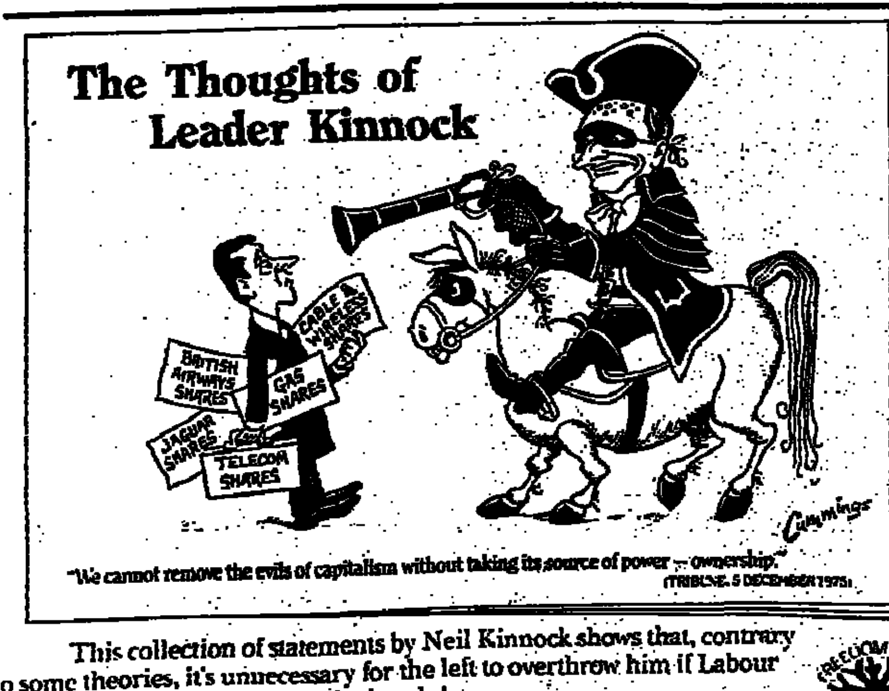

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THE TIMES DIARY

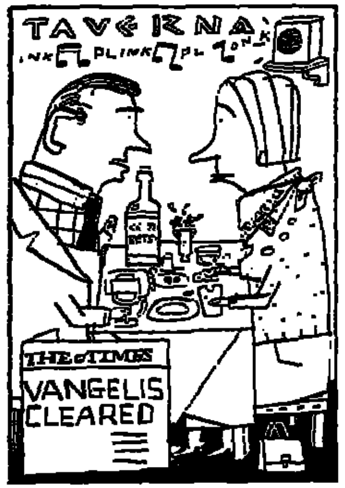
Jarring note

As the London Philharmonic Orchestra battles for control of the rival Philharmonia, news reaches me of a plan guaranteed to lose the besieged Philharmonia still more friends. It is set to sign an exclusive contract for Columbia Artists in New York to handle the bulk of its tours abroad. Columbia already acts for the Philharmonia's musical director, Giuseppe Sinopoli, and the takeover would infuriate London and Continental management agencies. Both Columbia and the Philarmonia are understandably reticent in talking about the negotiations. "Wrong, wrong," snapped a less-than-charming spokesman for Columbia, the world's biggest concert agency. Later, however, he let slip the tell-tale words: "Nothing has been signed yet. I don't know what we're discussing."

Ryan rising

A week after I revealed that Nigel Ryan, the former ITN boss, had applied for the job of BBC director-general, I learn that he was one of the half-dozen hopefuls selected for interview by the Beeb's governors this week. Having filmed behind the lines in Afghanistan he would cheer demoralized BBC journos fearful both of a loss of editorial nerve and further cuts in budgets for filming overseas. On the other hand, as a former ITN chief executive, he avoids association with Tory attacks on pinko-journalism at Lime Grove.

BARRY FANTONI



'Surely the charm of Greek music is that it *does* all sound the same'

Brute force

Papua New Guinea's police commissioner is taking a firm line against police violence: he has told his men to stop beating up their wives. Mr Tasion's warning comes as part of a government campaign to eradicate domestic violence. Tasion, however, took a conciliatory and worldly tone with his men. "Look gentlemen," he began, "we've all done it, but . . ."

Din standard

British Tyre and Rubber has abandoned its hi-tech attempts to silence a megaphone wielded by sacked members of a subsidiary company outside its Westminster headquarters (PHS, February 6). Residents complained about the company's noisy use of a loudspeaker rigged to a scrambler to drown the pickets' tirades, and were unimpressed when BTR instead played loud pop music. Now the company is to seek a court injunction against the use of loudhailers outside its building.

● **Edwina Currie-inspired graffito spotted in Bristol: "Single businessmen: whose wife are you taking abroad?"**

Right lines

The parliamentary backbencher may be a lowly beast, but sometimes he can notch up an achievement. In the last parliament, Tory Tony Speller got through one of the four 10-minute rule bills to become law since 1974 – an amendment to the 1972 Transport Act which allowed British Rail to reopen disused lines and stations on an experimental basis. As a result, he has just announced to his backers that 27 stations have been reopened, which means that the glorious names of Flowery Field, Hall i' th' wood, Smithy Bridge, Humphrey Park, Bridge of Allan and Sherburn-in-Elmet feature once more on the rail map.

Beirut file

Any confusion about who is fighting whom in Lebanon these days was clarified yesterday by a Beirut newspaper that explained to its readers: "The Shi'ites are fighting against the Druze, the Druze and the Sunnis against the Shi'ites, comprising Amal and Hezbollah. The prophets are battling against Karl Marx, the communists against the Americans, and the fundamentalists against the entire West." Clear?

Fat chance

The English National Opera singers are generally sleeker than their contemporaries on the Continent. Indeed, last year soprano Jane Eaglen shed 8½ stone before taking the role of Elizabeth I in *Mary Stuart*. So it was with some surprise that I saw yesterday that the ENO was advertising in *The Stage* for four "fat, middle-aged female dancers" for *Orpheus in the Underworld*. The catch is that they need to be "supple and able to tap dance and cancan".

PHS

Michael Binyon on the bewildered US reaction to Soviet reforms

How stands the evil empire?

Washington

The spectacle of Andrei Sakharov, surrounded by Americans and well-wishers, raising his hands high to applaud Mikhail Gorbachov is one that has left Americans utterly bewildered. What is going on in Russia? Is it for real, or is the world witnessing a gigantic propaganda hoax? How should President Reagan, preoccupied with his own problems, react to this challenge to his deeply held view of the "evil empire"?

Almost everyone here now agrees that something fundamental is under way, even if the world has yet to see the results. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the combative former ambassador to the United Nations, said this week after returning from a meeting with the Soviet leader that "a real campaign for change" had been launched. But would it work? "We do not – and cannot – know." She would agree, however, with the other former American statesmen in the delegation, who echoed Gorbachov's own assessment at their meeting: Soviet-American relations are at a crossroads.

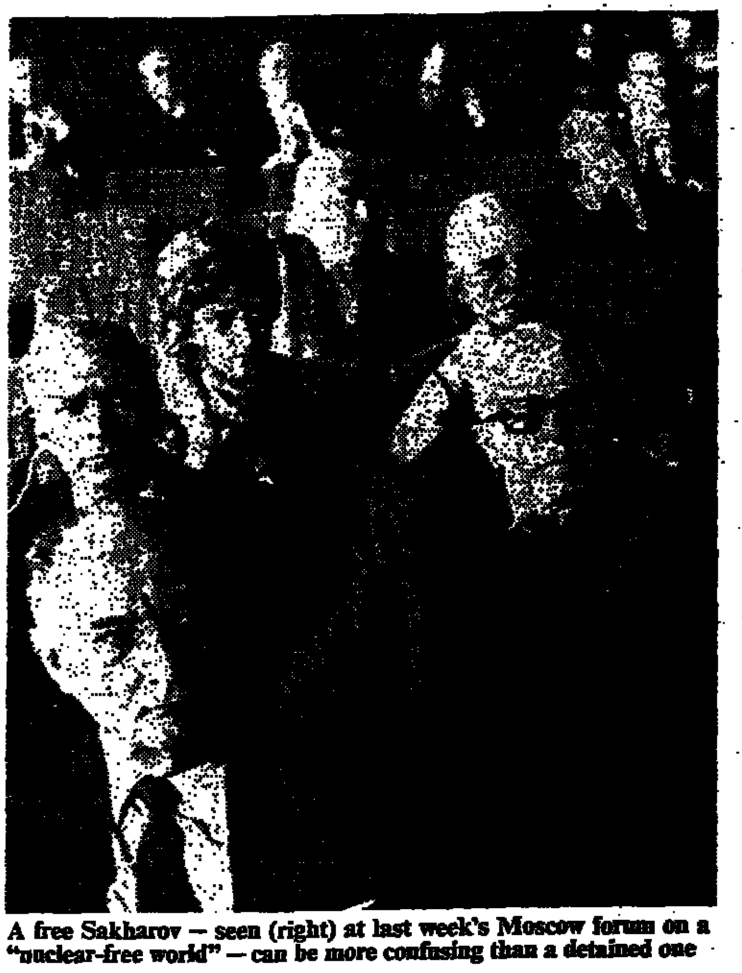
Cyrus Vance, President Carter's secretary of state, was a member of the largest US political delegation to visit Moscow in years. During their three hours of give-and-take with Gorbachov last week in the Kremlin, they had a taste of the new ideas now sweeping across the country. And to those such as Dr Henry Kissinger, who had not been back to Moscow since he dealt as secretary of state with the ossified Brezhnev regime, it came as something of a shock.

"Gorbachov is a totally new Soviet leader in my experience," Kissinger said. He was impressed by his "unprecedented" recognition of Soviet domestic problems, and found his actions "unusual, even revolutionary", which would elicit fierce opposition. But Kissinger gave a warning: America should not be tempted to make concessions to encourage the reformists in Moscow. However much Americans approved of the direction of the changes, what mattered to the West was Soviet foreign policy. And there was a real likelihood that to gain the approval of the conservatives for his domestic reforms, Gorbachov would take a tougher line in foreign policy. The US therefore had to make its own interests clear to the Politburo.

So far, the Reagan Administration has been uncharacteristically cautious. Praise for the Soviet reforms has been grudging and permeated with scepticism. Many American conservatives are anxious to play down the changes. There are too many influential groups in the US – the Jewish community, east European and Soviet exiles – for any prudent US official, especially in a Republican Administration, to voice approval of Soviet behaviour. At bottom, Reagan has never recanted his view of the "evil empire".

Warren Zimmermann, the chief US delegate at the European Security Conference, expressed the prevailing caution at a recent Vienna meeting. He saw progress in family reunification and emigration, but said that so far hints had outnumbered decisions. There had been a steep drop in Jewish emigration, and the new emigration law was "inherently restrictive". He said: "We have heard predictions and promises from Soviet officials – on a cultural renaissance, on the release of political prisoners, on genuine openness. They seem to be telling us that Soviet society is at a turning point. But will it turn?"

The State Department has since welcomed the Soviet decision to release 140 political prisoners, saying this represented 20 per cent of all those held. But in the same statement it pressed for the release of all prisoners of conscience, as it did when the first batch of 50 dissidents was let out.



A free Sakharov – seen (right) at last week's Moscow forum on a "nuclear-free world" – can be more confusing than a detained one

A central question now being asked here is whether the US should be more openly encouraging of the Gorbachov reforms. "I am sceptical of the notion that one superpower can help another," one official said. "It would not be any asset to Gorbachov at home to be seen enjoying our support." Economic reform and the shake-up in party cadres were not issues where comment was necessary – unlike human rights or emigration, where Moscow had bound itself by the Helsinki accords.

Both American and Soviet analysts here agree that the Soviet changes have their own dynamic, and are only marginally affected by reactions in the West. "He cannot afford to stand still," one US official said of Gorbachov. "That is no longer an option." They see, however, a need in Moscow not for encouragement or approval, but a breathing space in foreign policy, an arms control agreement that would allow Gorbachov to focus on domestic issues.

But can the US take advantage of a new flexibility to forward its own interests? Officials have been quietly encouraged by the greater flow of information, by televised debates, the coverage in the Soviet press of US arguments (such as Senator Robert Dole's article in *Pravda*), even if the viewpoints are advanced only to be rebutted.

There is hope that freer emigration may follow the release of dissidents, that US-Soviet trade, so closely tied to the Jackson-Vannik Amendment, may pick up and that fresh Kremlin thinking may remove the big obstacles to better relations, such as the Soviet forces in Afghanistan.

The watchword, however, is caution. There is a persistent, nagging discomfort that even if Gorbachov does fulfil the US conditions for better relations, the US cannot afford to respond. "No political leader in the West can be put in the position where he can be accused of forgetting that major things are wrong with the Soviet system," one official said, admitting frankly that the relationship would remain adversarial for the foreseeable future. But with a Soviet leader so adept in public relations, the Reagan Administration will be increasingly on the defensive in the battle for European opinion, in its hardline insistence on a continued arms build-up, and the development of Star Wars.

Even US liberals have been disconcerted, and react with visceral suspicion. "It really is not Gorbachov who troubles me," the former editor of *The New York Times* wrote recently. "It is the enthusiasm with which his every twitch is greeted in the West. Mr A.M. Rosenthal said the West should not allow 70 years of a tyrannical system to blind it to the possibility that the system was being changed after all.

But his list of suggested Soviet moves to demonstrate Gorbachov's sincerity as a reformist is clearly more rhetorical than pragmatic: put on trial all senior KGB officers guilty of arbitrary arrest; order General Jaruzelski of Poland to legalize Solidarity and Romania to hold elections; withdraw from eastern Europe and Afghanistan; change the Soviet agricultural system to provide enough food. "*Glasnost* is quite interesting. But as we cut into our nice juicy steaks, let's wait a bit before we cheer the tossing of morsels. That really is not so churlish, after all," he said.

Soviet analysts here are quietly despairing of such sentiments. "Is that the way we will ever get an arms control agreement?" one asked. He looked pessimistically at the crossroads Gorbachov and Vance see in their relations. "The Americans seem determined to go down the wrong road."

Koryagin: a special kind of dissident

Paris

Dr Anatoly Koryagin, the Soviet psychiatrist freed from detention yesterday, was one of the most important political prisoners in Russia, not only because of the publicity his case received but because his work called attention to a critical question: what are the fundamental Soviet values?

It is not known yet whether Dr Koryagin plans to emigrate, but whatever his intentions it is important to note that he has fought in defence not of any political programme but of the truth for its own sake and, in this respect, is a worthy candidate for the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize, for which he has been nominated.

Koryagin stated publicly that dissenters were held in Soviet mental hospitals, and that they included Alexei Nikitin, the Donetsk coalminer, who was in the Talgar special psychiatric hospital in Kazakhstan and who died of cancer in 1984. By doing so he not only defended Western medical values, but also the Western conception of sanity, the validity of which is the unspoken basis of all agreements between the Soviet Union and the West.

Koryagin knew few foreigners when he began his work as a psychiatric consultant to the dissident group known as the Working Commission on the Abuse of Psychiatry for Political Goals. I met him in the summer of 1980 when I was a correspondent in Moscow for the *Financial Times* and gathering material for a book. It seemed to me that the reasons why sane men were put in mental hospitals might reveal much about the nature of the Soviet Union.

Koryagin: stood for sanity

Koryagin travelled to Moscow regularly from his home in Kharkov and I arranged to meet him whenever he was in Moscow, along with some of his patients. They included Anatoly Butko, confined to a mental hospital after trying to swim the Black Sea to Turkey; Alexander Shatravka, who crossed into Finland and was handed back; and, most fateful of all, Nikitin, who had just been freed from the Dnepropetrovsk special psychiatric hospital and wanted to organize a free trade union among the Donetsk miners.

It was because of my friendship with Koryagin and our mutual friendship with Nikitin that I was involved in the events which led to Koryagin's arrest. Nikitin persuaded me to accompany him to Donetsk to write about the miners' lives. Shortly after I left Donetsk, Nikitin was arrested and sent to a mental hospital. I asked Koryagin if he wanted publicly to defend the sanity of Nikitin, reminding him of the risks. He said: "Definitely!"

Koryagin's defence of Nikitin's sanity was published and Koryagin was arrested four weeks later. His detention proved to be a turning point not only for him but for the Soviet Union. Pressure to expel the Soviets from the World Psychiatric Association had been growing and the spectacle of a psychiatrist being arrested for his diagnosis made expulsion virtually certain. To avoid this humiliation, the Soviets resigned from the WPA in January 1983.

Chastened, the authorities began intensive efforts to force Koryagin to recant. He responded with hunger strikes. During his six years of detention, Koryagin has spent three years in solitary confinement and six months in the punishment cell, thinly clad and tortured by hunger and cold.

Unfortunately, his release will not signify the dawn of a new era of tolerance in the Soviet Union. So far, 140 recognized "enemies" are reported by the authorities to have been freed; among them is Dr Koryagin. But not a single political prisoner has been released from the Soviet mental hospitals.

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Higher mathematics helps as Haughey starts horse-trading

The political classes in Dublin agonized as estimates of Fianna Fail gains first edged the party up to 84 seats out of the 166 in the new Dail, then down again to 81.

There will be four independent Deputies who can now bargain as Charles Haughey seeks their support. With each seat that Fianna Fail falls below 84, the price rises. The exact costs were described to me by one of those political *aficionados*, found everywhere in Dublin, who know all the candidates by their first names and have an exact intuition about how a candidate's preferences will go when he is eliminated on the 12th count.

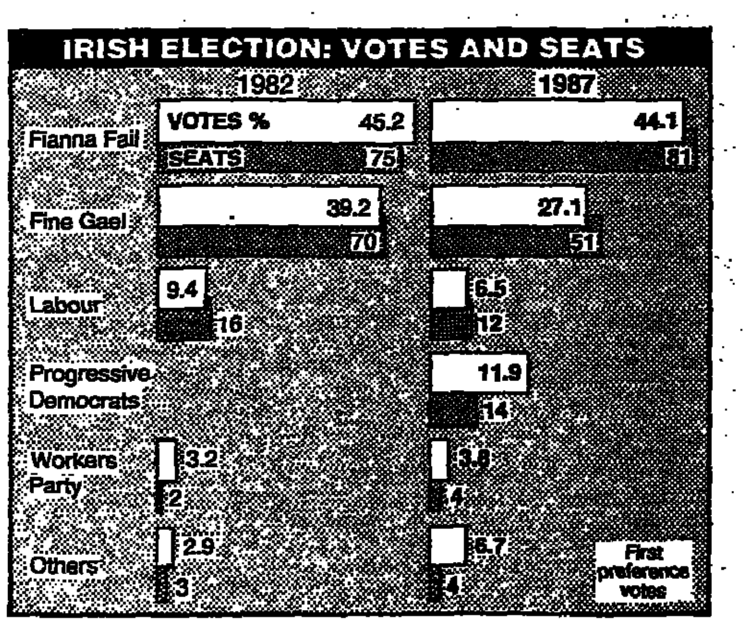
Indeed, one of the lasting impressions of this first sight of an Irish election is of the impact that proportional representation using the single transferrable vote must have on a nation's numeracy – and not just as they interpret the results as they emerge from the tallymen's report and successive distributions of votes, but as they cast their ballots.

The Irish vote tactically, on a grand scale. As one eager Dubliner explained: "Anyone who stands wants a respectable vote, so his friends rally round to save his face. I voted Green Alliance and then Workers' Party. I knew neither would get in and that it would be my sixth preference which really mattered."

The Irish certainly enjoyed the election but they also felt the outcome mattered. The incumbent government was defeated because the nation is in an economic mess. Ireland has the biggest public sector in western Europe and, per capita, the biggest public debt. It has the highest unemployment rate and high youth emigration.

All parties are agreed that there is no easy remedy but Fine Gael's tough budget proposals were too much for the party's Labour coalition partners last month, and for the voters on Tuesday.

IRISH ELECTION: VOTES AND SEATS



The electorate has put Fianna Fail back to sort out the mess. But the third premiership of Haughey hardly augurs well. He is short of a clear majority and, as he said last night: "To run a government, the more troops you have behind you the better." He does promise not to dissolve early, and Garret FitzGerald's Fine Gael and Desmond O'Malley's new Progressive Democrats promise constructive opposition, but it is hard to see the new government, faced with such great problems, lasting a full term. Many people forecast another election within the year.

Haughey is a forceful personality but he is handicapped by the class basis of his support. Fianna Fail depends to a disproportionate degree on the votes of manual workers and small farmers, the main recipients of the hand-outs that have to be cut.

He is also handicapped by the nationalist tradition of his party, which makes it difficult for him to be too conciliatory about what goes on north of the border. Although the Northern Ireland accord played a much smaller part in the election than some British reports suggested, the issue will not go away. Sixty years on the civil war still provides the basis for Irish party divisions.

However, Sinn Fein did fare abysmally. And perhaps the most interesting feature of these elections has been the upsurge of the Progressive Democrats, a party committed to "breaking the mould" and escaping from the historic arguments. O'Malley is easily the most charismatic of Irish politicians and he is probably pleased to be in opposition and uninvolved in immediate coalition-making.

His party, little more than a year after its founding, fared unexpectedly well, winning 14 seats and having half a dozen near-misses. With improved organization, and trading on the unpopularity of the last FitzGerald government and the next Haughey government, the Progressive Democrats may feel poised for a breakthrough that David Owen would envy.

Will the substitution of the aggressive and clever Haughey, without a sure majority, for the cuddly and clever FitzGerald, trying to hold a coalition together, make a difference to the destiny of Ireland? This most political of people look despairingly at their own political habits and express very little hope that any party or coalition can really change the style of government or the allocation of resources. Elections are great fun to watch, but sometimes they don't solve much.

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Mugabe on the rack

Harare

Optimists who believe that morality in international affairs can nearly always be reconciled with self-interest should be made to visit Zimbabwe, where Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, is still on the rack of a choice between "immorality", which will be moderate, and "moral purity", which will be ruinously expensive.

The issue, of course, is economic sanctions against South Africa, which Mugabe strongly endorsed in principle at the Commonwealth mini-summit last August, reaffirmed at the Non-Aligned Summit over which he presided in his own capital, Harare, and publicly promised on numerous occasions up to December, when an announcement was said to be imminent.

Eight weeks later there is still no word, and this very "political" city reverberates with speculation about what is going on in Mugabe's mind, and who is trying to influence it in which direction.

But the reason for the delay is obvious: Mugabe has put himself in an intolerable position. If he fails to put the full Commonwealth sanctions into effect he will look a fool and a hypocrite; if he does put them into effect, his country's economy will be ruined.

At a distance, it is hard to grasp just how dependent Zimbabwe really is on South Africa. In Harare, the sense of claustrophobia is overpowering. More than 90 per cent of Zimbabwe's total imports and exports at present come and go over South African rails or roads. The wars in Mozambique to the east and Angola to the west mean that there is virtually no other way out. And it is not just a question of transport routes. South Africa is Zimbabwe's biggest trading partner, taking about 40 per cent of the country's total manufacturing exports and supplying 18 per cent of its imports, many of these imports essential.

It follows inescapably that the South Africans have it in their power to bring Zimbabwe to a standstill within two or three months. The extent of their willingness to do so is debatable. They probably have no particular wish to destroy a useful outlet for their own exports to the north, and Zimbabwe ministers, whistling to keep up their courage, make much of this. But there is no real doubt that the South African government would be bound to react viciously to any serious sanctions package from Mugabe, especially in the run-up to its own "white" election in May, when any weakness would be seized on by the Afrikaner right wing.

The enormity of this problem has taken an astonishingly long time to sink in. When Mugabe went to the London meeting with his gestures in his pocket, no contingency planning on the implications had apparently been made. The truth has certainly dawned by now. At a cabinet meeting in mid-October, Mugabe persuaded his colleagues to cut air links with South Africa. By December, the implementation of this decision, which had been put off because of the opposition of presidents Kaunda of Zambia and Masire of Botswana, was opposed by most of the Zimbabwean cabinet and the powerful Zanu party politburo.

By now, virtually the entire Zimbabwean machine, with the exception of four or five hard-line ideologues, is praying fervently for an indefinite postponement. And Mugabe is obviously influenced by these pressures; ultimately he cannot escape taking the decision himself.

Most people here believe that he will have to do something. Various well-wishing visitors, notably Andrew Young, the mayor of Atlanta, and Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, have tried to assure him that nobody will think the worse if he bows to the inevitable. But his "face" is involved both domestically and as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement. Moreover, he has a genuine moral perception of Zimbabwe's responsibilities and standing in the Third World.

On the other hand, frantic attempts to get off hook by reducing dependence on South Africa are hopeless in the short or even medium term. The favourite expedient at this moment is the idea of getting far more goods out of the country through the dilapidated Mozambique ports of Beira and Maputo, which in theory could take at least 60 per cent of Zimbabwe's exports.

The main trouble is that this could be done only by making the two direct rail lines to these ports secure from the right-wing Renamo terrorists, a task which the Zimbabwean Army is attempting but which could be successful only on the highly speculative conditions that a) Zimbabwe can continue to stand the economic strain of spending 18 per cent of its budget on defence, and b) the South Africans are willing to change their policy of destabilizing Mozambique and are willing to allow the two rail lines to be made permanently passable.

Britain's recently announced aid package for the renovation of the railways has its psychological uses in deflecting African criticism of our own sanctions position, but it is subject to the same severe provisos in practice.

There being no easy solution by this route, the present betting here is that Mugabe will wait until after the South African election and then put together a package just strong enough to allow his propaganda machine to make something of it, but too weak in reality to provoke more than minimal retaliation.

This is the logical solution, but it is not one that will give much satisfaction to anyone who hopes that South Africa's vice-like grip on the whole region will be prised loose or, for that matter, to anyone who reflects that Mugabe, who got himself into this mess, is probably the most capable black ruler in southern Africa and a lot better than any likely successor.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Disabusing both the Kinnocks

The House assembled yesterday in the shadow of a joint statement, issued the previous evening by the Government and Opposition Chief Whips, condemning "personal abuse" by members of one another.

It was occasioned by a particularly abusive motion submitted by a group of Tories about Mr Kinnock. The Chief Whips' intervention was apparently inspired by an expression of concern on the part of the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill. Certainly, it is unusual for a Chief Whip to lend his support to an initiative with the opposing Chief Whip which could be construed as hostile to something that had just been done by his own side.

Ever the tactician, Mr Kinnock got up during questions to the Prime Minister and accused Mrs Thatcher of being the Americans' "doormat". That marked the end of Labour's possession of the high moral ground on the subject of personal abuse. Until then it had been a close run thing for the Tories. There had been a danger of Mr Kinnock becoming the dignified, offended figure.

The offending motion about Mr Kinnock had been drawn up by Sir Marcus Fox, a rough Yorkshire Tory. The Speaker had prevented it from reaching the order paper. But copies seemed to be freely available to members yesterday. Before the war, such material tended to be printed in Paris or Cairo. But now it is easily obtained by even the most impressionable MPs.

One would not usually read this sort of thing. But, because of one's work, one had to. The motion accused Mr Kinnock of, *inter alia*, a "fundamental and longstanding hostility to the monarchy"; "total lack of experience of ministerial office"; "despicable failure" to deprive two Militant Tendency MPs of the whip; failure to "condemn without qualification the calculated violence committed by Mr Arthur Scargill's pickets"; "inability to exercise self-control" in the matter of the battle of the Indian restaurant; actions to the "detriment of the British security services"; and of having made a "farcical" visit to the United States which "heaped ridicule and contempt not merely on his own head, but also on the United Kingdom."

On a point of order, Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) asked the Speaker why the motion had not been allowed to appear. Lest we had any doubt about his support for it, Mr Bruinvels added that he certainly signed it – thus dispelling any suspicion that it might have been too kind to Mr Kinnock for Mr Bruinvels' robust taste. The passage about the monarchy? Mr Bruinvels asked.

It had been rumoured that this was indeed the reason why the Speaker had stopped the motion. If the rumour was true, the Speaker had assumed that Mr Kinnock would not want to be associated with anti-monarchical views. That was all very well.

But the Speaker does not live with Mrs Glenys Kinnock. Mr Kinnock may now have to face at breakfast a wife who now knows that all along she has been living with a practising Royalist. Fortunately for all concerned, the Speaker avoided the monarchy when replying to Mr Bruinvels. He said he had forbidden the motion because, in the words of Erskine May (the parliamentary rule book) it had been "designed merely to give annoyance".

In the eyes of the Tory backbenchers, Mr Kinnock was himself designed merely to give annoyance. Many showed irritation at the ruling. A better moment for Tory morale was when Mr David Sumberg (Bury South, C) raised with Mrs Thatcher the article written by Mr Ken Livingstone to the effect that Northern MPs "never see the London that exists beyond the wine bars and brothels of Westminster".

Mr Sumberg thought this a slur on Northern MPs. So reportedly did many Labour members. Northerners who visit London are traditionally touchy about being thought to spend a lot of time in such places. Brothels are one thing. But wine bars have always been regarded in the north as examples of southern decadence.

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A FUTURE FOR ROVER

Mr Paul Channon's approval yesterday of the Rover corporate plan is both welcome and potentially exciting. Its principal elements — merging Leyland Trucks with Daf and cementing a long-term relationship with Honda in cars — are uncomfortable, not least to national pride. But both make good commercial sense. With hard work and good luck, they may come to be seen as the start of a new, positive and more certain phase for businesses that have suffered debilitating strife, decline and uncertainty for most of the past twenty years.

The Anglo-Dutch truck merger is certainly not an easy option. As many Leyland jobs will be lost in the preliminary retructuring as in the closure of General Motors' Bedford truck business last year. Restructuring and writing off loans will cost British taxpayers some £750 million.

More important for the future, the new combination is no more than a logical link between two vulnerable companies in a European market with massive over-capacity. Even the largest multinationals have been obliged to seek cross-border alliances with their rivals. Success is by no means assured.

Twenty years ago, it would have seemed inconceivable that the mighty Leyland Trucks could end up as minority partner in a merger with the then insignificant Daf trucks business. In the event the diversion of funds and management effort within British Leyland away from the trucks business left it ill-equipped to face the world-wide industry slump.

Under more single-minded private control, Daf has meanwhile gained strength from learning to concentrate on heavy trucks. It has survived its own considerable problems (though it can hardly be said to prosper) partly because the Dutch government agencies which own a large proportion of its shares have provided support in a more flexible and less politicized way than their British counterparts. The state takeover of British Leyland must rank as one of the greatest avoidable catastrophes of British industrial history.

The greater weakness of Leyland ensured that the Dutch partner will end up in control of the joint truck and van company. But few tears need be shed over that. The new combine will draw its strength from a much better combination of product range, European marketing network and worldwide sales spread than either individual partner (or the rival American bidder, Paccar) could provide.

Since it will still be only the fourth largest European producer, it will have to expand to succeed. That should quieten fears that the British company will merely be rationalized out of existence.

The happy experience of other Anglo-Dutch companies, in contrast to some international mergers, also offers hope for the future. The history of the merger of Royal Dutch Petroleum and Shell, similarly effected on a 60-40 basis when the British company was weak, provides an encouraging example for Leyland's workforce and managers. As a most imaginative part of the deal, an interest in Leyland will be returned to the British public if the new group prospers sufficiently to allow a flotation of its shares.

The disadvantage is that there will be no simple, clean severance of the taxpayer's responsibility for Leyland. Rover's new chairman, Mr Graham Day can now, however, concentrate his management's attention on Land Rover and on the Austin-Rover car business, which is still in deep trouble.

Austin-Rover has not resolved its essential dilemma: it is in the volume car business, but cannot sell enough cars to be a true high volume producer. The company's continuing market problems and future market strategy will require difficult decisions.

At least, however, the basis of that future is now set in collaboration with Honda. Mr Channon has also continued backing for Rover's new generation K series engine and with it a commitment to the small car market where the company has been most successful.

Rover might begin to mark this permanent relationship by showing more pride in its link with a Japanese company famed, among other things, for reliability. To be part of an Anglo-Japanese partnership is a greater asset in the marketplace than pretending, with ever less credibility, that Austin-Rover cars are wholly British.

HARD CASES AT HEATHROW

The case of the 58 Tamils whose departure from Britain was delayed by their show of defiance at Heathrow airport has been understandably exploited on both sides of the political divide. On the left are those who would, in theory, admit all comers in the belief that people who are not desperate do not leave their homes for distant lands. On the right are those who believe, no less sincerely, that Britain is a small, crowded and no longer prosperous country which should confine its resources as far as possible to its own.

Between the two are shades of opinion which would advocate a more generous treatment of would-be settlers in Britain than is the current practice. One way of accomplishing this would be for the Home Office to adopt a more flexible interpretation of the description "political refugee" than it does at present. Britain, in common with most other European countries, grants political asylum only to those who, in its judgement, are in genuine danger of persecution if they return home.

In the view of the Home Office, the 58 Tamils who arrived at Heathrow a week ago so signally failed to fit this description that they were ordered to be deported forthwith to Bangladesh, their last port of embarkation. To all appearances, it was a routine and clear-cut case. Yet there is reason for some disquiet.

The disquiet derives first from the speed with which the Home Office took its decision. It did not, as has been standard procedure in such cases since 1983, involve the UK Immigrants' Advisory Service (UKIAS). The grounds for this decision may have been entirely sound. The Home Office argues that the group of Tamils had set out deliberately to evade British immigration procedures.

So blatant was the deception, in the view of officials, that there was no need to delay deportation. By not involving the UKIAS, however, the Home Office laid itself open to accusations from all the predictable quarters that it had dealt summarily and secretively with the Tamils.

It may well be — and if the Home Office wins its case in court this will have been demonstrated legally — that the decision was entirely justified. Unfortunately, the group was a large one and audacious in attracting publicity. More public handling of their case from the beginning might therefore have been prudent, if only to avoid accusations of unfairness.

The second cause for disquiet arises, however, from the methods the Tamils are alleged to have used to get to Britain and the likelihood that if they are granted asylum many others will follow. According to the Home Office (and none of those who claim to represent the Tamils and their interests has disputed it), the 58 were would-be beneficiaries of an organized international racket.

Evidence that traders in Tamils have been directing their attention towards Britain is said to have been accumulating since the beginning of the year, as other European countries, notably West Germany and Switzerland, have begun to tighten their procedures. But for Britain this group was exceptional in its size, in its circuitous route and in the amateurishness of its deception.

None of this means that individual Tamils coming to Britain from Sri Lanka might not have a case for political asylum. But it does mean that the 58 Tamils at Heathrow should not be elevated to the status of typical refugees. Nor, as some would have it, should they be regarded as typical victims of Britain's immigration procedures. They constitute the exception that proves the validity and the usefulness of the rules and procedures as they stand.

The entirely comprehensible desperation of 58 Tamils (whether it derives from anger at being cheated out of money or from a genuine fear of returning home) is a hard case. As such it makes bad law.

DOGS OF JAW

Sir Marcus Fox, vice chairman of the Tory 1922 Committee, tabled three parliamentary motions on Wednesday listing numerous personal failings of Mr Neil Kinnock and seeking to establish his unfitness to be Prime Minister. Though not in itself a remarkable event (the Tory Party is well known to be sceptical about the fitness of the Leader of the Opposition for that high office), the criticisms advanced against Mr Kinnock in these motions were unusually specific, mentioning among other things his alleged lack of self control and his taste for pugilism.

At first, the Tory whips seem to have smiled benevolently on these motions. It is not their business to protect Mr Kinnock's sensibilities against outrageous affronts by Tory backbenchers. Later, however, a furore arose behind the scenes, and the Speaker ruled that the offending motions should not be printed.

There was an instant change of heart on the part of the Tory whips. The matter ended with a joint message from both sides of the House saying that "personal abuse and attacks on the integrity of individuals have reached an unacceptable level" and promising better behaviour in the future.

The first question to be asked is whether Mr Speaker Weatherill was being too high-minded in imposing this prohibition. The history of Parliamentary debate is largely a history of vituperation. It is natural that great issues should generate strong emotions, and an undue attempt to restrain such emotions is out of place.

Some restraints, however, have to be imposed. The House has made rules to that end. There is a genuine distinction to be drawn between spontaneous high passions and calculated attempts to use the procedures of the House of Commons for purely electioneering purposes.

It very much seems that Sir Marcus's motions were in the second category. Indeed, he is reported, at an early stage in the row, to have admitted as much himself. The motions were intended, he is alleged to have said, to warn the electorate against the dangers of returning Mr Kinnock to power.

On the whole, this is not the right way to use debate in the House of Commons. It makes that assembly look too much like an adjunct of the Party machines. It also unleashes personal abuse on an unhealthy scale since MPs are permitted to slander each other in Parliament in ways which the law forbids out of doors.

However, when the Speaker had made his ruling, Sir Marcus seems to have changed his mind. All he had ever intended, apparently, was to give Mr Kinnock a dose of his own medicine and thereby to discourage him and his colleagues from showering abuse on Mrs Thatcher and her relations.

In this subsequent intention he appears to have succeeded. Labour's chief whip, Mr Derek Foster, is now committed to call off his hounds, just as his Tory counterpart, Mr John Wakeham, is now presumably committed to apply a restraining hand to Mrs Currie and her likes.

So long as this result lasts, the reputation of Parliament will benefit; but so will the reputation of the Government, which is somewhat less inclined than Labour to depend on criticisms of personalities. For that reason, if for no other, it is not likely that this high minded concordat will survive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax cuts as stimulant to growth

From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative)

Sir, Professor Thirlwall, in his letter (February 14) about tax cuts, makes the sweeping claim that "all the economic research" shows the incentive effect of tax reductions on work to be neutral.

This is not so. A great deal of research, both here and even more in the United States, suggests that tax cuts are the most effective stimulant to increased enterprise, more jobs and relief of hardship for those on low incomes.

This cavalier way with facts prepares us for Professor Thirlwall's second assertion — that the present phase of strong income and output growth in Britain is artificial and unsustainable.

Were he to discuss present trends with leaders in some of the capital goods industries, such as building materials and construction, he would find a different opinion. He would find the view that the present expansion, unlike so many of its predecessors, is entirely sustainable (assuming no political earthquake) precisely because it is not being orchestrated by the politicians, because it is not being fed by higher Government deficits, and because it is based on hard-won supply-side reforms in the British economic and social structure which are at last bearing fruit.

He would also discover that growth is extending to order books all over the country and is not just confined to the South-east.

As for investment, it is quite useless looking, as Professor Thirlwall does, just at the category which used to be called "manufacturing industry". Modern enterprises spread far outside this outdated classification.

Investment in the whole range of services, technologies, processes and human skills upon which a nation's strength now rests is rising very fast in Britain. It would rise faster still with lighter taxes, especially on some of the lowest earners.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL,
House of Commons.
February 16.

Fields for scope

From Mr George Scales

Sir, As a farmer, I am appalled and dismayed that our union is no more able to face up to the reality of excess food production than the National Union of Mineworkers was over excess coal or Sogat '82 was over excess manning levels.

Farm statistics for 1986 indicate that we are relatively poor (£1,411million income, divided by 264,000 farmers, farming nearly 40 million acres, means the average farmer got £5,344 off 151 acres). But, like the miners and the printers, we do not have to do it. It is therefore morally wrong to complain.

However, what we do have to do is ensure that our No 1 spot in the efficiency charts for world agriculture is not usurped by foreign farmers whose products are even more heavily subsidised. And Europe as a whole, having drained the lakes and flattened out the mountains, will have to maintain self-sufficiency for defensive reasons, but mainly to avoid a 1930s-type mass exodus from the land.

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Ongar, Essex.

From Mr Robin Dunipace

Sir, I do not agree with all the details in the Government's new proposals for a countryside policy, and they might be improved by examination of the Alliance and Labour parties' rural policies — this should certainly not be a party political matter. But at least, and at long last, the Government has taken an initiative and is trying to promote the concept of alternative land use.

The National Farmers' Union's immediate, unthinking and wholly negative response to the Government's proposals was as depressing as it was predictable and in marked contrast to the constructive and far-sighted point of view expressed in today's letter (February 13) from the President of the Country Landowners' Association.

The NFU should be taking the lead in proposing reforms. It should be encouraging farmers to adapt and change. Farmers do not have a divine right to produce unlimited quantities of unwanted food at inflated prices.

Individual farm businesses (including mine) are now under tremendous financial pressure; many will fail. Obviously we are worried, but many farmers are also aware that fundamental structural change is essential.

As farmers diversify, as land and buildings are released to new uses, so we have an opportunity to provide the housing and employment so desperately needed in the countryside. The planting of trees, the creation of conservation areas, and the encouragement of leisure activities can only be of benefit to the environment. We must not let the "drawbridge" conservationists stifle this opportunity.

It would indeed be ironic if an unnatural alliance of the NFU and the Council for the Protection of Rural England prevented the farmer from adapting his business and contributing to the revival of the rural community.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN DUNIPACE,
Dartley Farm,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Women priests

From the Subdean of Lincoln

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury's letter (February 10) helpfully takes issue with the theme of "schism". But the Bishop of London's warnings now become a little irritating.

The genius of the Church of England has rested in its huge capacity for tolerance, however tiresome that may be for those who would wish on it clearer lines of authority. That tolerance has been exercised for years, particularly in London, over the implicitly schismatic use of the Roman Missal in Anglican churches. There is surely no need, given the width of liturgical variation permissible with the *Alternative Service Book*, for this sort of cocking a snook to go on.

However, it has gone on and goes on. It strikes me as singularly offensive that those who plague the Church with their obscurantist style assume the ecclesiastical high ground about the ordination of women. My wonder is where they will find refuge when the Roman Catholic Church arrives inevitably at the recognition that our humanness in ministry is not governed by gender.

Yours faithfully,
REX DAVIS,
The Subdeanery, Lincoln.
February 12.

College support

From Mr T. C. Brown

Sir, John Clare's report, "Lessons for the minister" (February 10), about Mr Kenneth Baker's flying visit to Hertfordshire closed with an unworthy comment about De Havilland College, namely that before the appointment of the present principal three years ago it had been a "write-off" by local industry.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Indeed, the treble expansion of the college between 1960 and 1983 could not have taken place without full support from the many local industries whose apprentices and trainees arrived in large numbers each year.

Thousands of past students now in advanced engineering, business, computing and scientific careers can testify to the college involvement with industry.

Yours faithfully,
T. C. BROWN (Principal,
De Havilland College, 1966-83),
30 Medlicott Drive,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Oxbridge doubles

From the Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Sir, Mr Button (February 14) should surely have included in his list the unique double of Sir Duncan Wilson, Master of this college from 1971 to 1980, and his sister, Lady Warnock, wife of the Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, who is now Mistress of Girton.

Yours faithfully,
M. McCRUM,
Corpus Christi College,
Cambridge.

From Mrs Evelyn Haselgrove

Sir, Sisterly doubles are not unknown. Henrietta Jex-Blake was Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, from 1909 to 1921, while her sister Katharine doubled at Cambridge as Mistress of Girton from 1916 to 1922.

Yours faithfully,
EVELYN HASELGROVE,
University Women's Club,
2 Audley Square,
South Audley Street, W1.

Ravilious paintings

From the Keeper of Art, the Royal Air Force Museum

Sir, John Russell Taylor, reviewing our "War Art" exhibition (February 3), questions our holdings of Eric Ravilious watercolours. Perhaps the following will explain our position.

In February, 1942, the War Arts Advisory Committee agreed to Ravilious' request to be taken on by the Air Ministry. His first assignment was to the Vale of York and then to Sawbridgeworth, where he drew Spitfires on dispersal and aircraft being used for training.

Three watercolours were accepted by the committee: a study of a Fairy Battle (destroyed by fire whilst on loan to RAF North Coates in June, 1963); a view over the starboard wing of a Tiger Moth (whereabouts uncertain); and a study of Spitfires on a camouflaged runway (presently on loan to the Royal Air Force Staff College).

In June, 1942, Ravilious was asked to produce two works concerned with camouflage and he left London, by air, for Iceland on August 25. A week later, as a passenger on a reconnaissance flight, he was posted missing.

Yours faithfully,
TONY HAROLD, Keeper of Art,
The Royal Air Force Museum,
Hendon, NW9.
February 10.

No more cross words

From Mr and Mrs John Beeching

Sir, We were delighted this morning to find our crossword puzzles printed on separate sheets of the paper, allowing a blissful return to the period of companionable silence after breakfast when we each apply ourselves to the puzzle most suited to our talents.

Thank you for your efforts in bringing this about.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEECHING,
CICELY BEECHING.
65 Lewis Road, Radford Semele,
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
February 16.

Gain to nation from Boat Race

From Mr Daniel Topolski

Sir, It seems that no one cares to say a good word for the Boat Race in general and Oxford in particular at the moment.

That the winning Boat Race crew each year is regularly the first or second fastest crew in the country (only the national team is quicker) surely contradicts Philip Howard's assertion (February 16) that their "arduous training" is a myth. Usually a third of the British national team for the world and Olympic championships is Boat Race spawned and Oxbridge rowing is the only university sport that can still claim to be up to international standard.

Furthermore, the toss does not decide the winner. The last two races have been won from the Middlesex side of the river by the crews that lost the toss; and three of the last six races, far from being processions, have overlapped for more than half the course.

As for importing elderly Americans, there have been fewer overseas oarsmen in the Boat Race in the last 20 years than there were in the 20 years before that. Australians, Americans and Canadians — over 150 of them — have been part and parcel of the Boat Race since its inception; graduates, too. And let us be clear: there are no sporting scholarships or easy places at Oxbridge. Academic requirements are more stringent than ever before.

As far as Oxford's present plight is concerned, we are clearly paying the price for losing our first Boat Race in 11 years. The exceptional and unique demands of the Boat Race require special talents which a few of this year's squad have failed to appreciate.

Within the sort of amateur set-up that exists at Oxford, with coaches giving their time out of love of the sport and loyalty to Oxford's fortunes, we can only operate with the good will of the athletes who ask us to help. We are simply not geared up to deal with the confrontational bully-boy tactics that occur in more professionally organised systems. However, if one or two people refuse to train and constantly walk out of the squad it becomes very difficult to maintain a productive training environment.

Oxford's selection process is fairer than most and is based on constant testing and observation over a period of months rather than on a "sudden death" trial. Over the past 13 years this system has served Oxford well. It is sad to watch all of that being systematically destroyed.

Yours sincerely,
DANIEL TOPOLSKI
(Oxford coach),
46 Cleveland Square, W2.

Oldest newspaper

From the Editor of Lloyd's List

Sir, Philip Howard (feature, February 9) is far too old a hand not to have had a premonition that his league table of oldest newspapers would unleash the dogs of exactitude and pedantry.

We don't claim to be the oldest British daily newspaper, merely the world's oldest international daily newspaper. And I must confess that this international dimension, possibly unique among newspapers until the present decade (but a feature of the Roman Empire's newsletters and the 17th century corantos, forerunners of both *Lloyd's List* and *The Times*) obliges me to deny Philip Howard's kind suggestion that we were a daily newspaper in 1734.

We came out twice a week in those days, because from the start we sold abroad and the mail packets left British shores only on Tuesday and Friday. A century later daily post sailings to the Continent brought a daily *Lloyd's List*, in 1837.

One other point: We are now a fully fledged newspaper, with sales that have increased 50 per cent in 15 years.

Yours sincerely,
ROY FARNDON, Editor,
Lloyd's List,
26-30 Artillery Lane, E1.

Pub bombings

From Mr Paul M. Hill

Sir, I must confess to a degree of confusion when reading the many well-intentioned comments amongst the editorial and letters pages of the national newspapers which seek to analyse the Home Secretary's reasons for refusing to refer my case and those of my co-accused back to the Court of Appeal (report, January 21). The discussion appears to centre around the questions of "new evidence" and "considerations of substance".

Section 17 of the 1968 Criminal Appeal Act is a model of brevity, granting the Home Secretary the power to refer a case, subject to the one condition, that he "thinks fit".

Could it be that the real test of section 17 is for the Home Secretary to do as he thinks fit, without looking over his shoulder at the Court of Appeal? This would reduce the matter to the subjective question, Are we content to let the matter stand as it is or is there not some lurking doubt in our minds which makes us wonder whether an injustice has been done? — a simple and effective formula, also a judgement handed down by Lord Justice Widgery in the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL M. HILL (462778),
HM Prison, Wormwood Scrubs,
Du Cane Road, W12.
February 18.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 20 1872

Lord Mayo (1822-1872) had been Viceroy of India since 1869. He was inspecting the convict settlement on the Andaman Islands; his assassin was an Afghan life prisoner who had been paroled for good conduct. The Acting Governor-General was Lord Napier, Governor of Madras

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THE ASSASSINATION OF LORD MAYO

The following telegram was received at the India Office last night from the Acting Governor-General of India:—

"CALCUTTA (via TEHERAN),
Feb. 19, 4 p.m.

"The Viceroy, on his way in Her Majesty's ship Glasgow, arrived at Port Blair on Thursday, the 8th of February at 9 o'clock in the morning. General Stewart, Superintendent of the Settlement, came and settled the plan of inspection with the Private Secretary of the Viceroy. The arrangements for the guard were specially considered and approved by the Viceroy. Between 11 and 12 o'clock the Viceroy, accompanied by the Superintendent, the Hon. Mr. Ellis, the Chief Commissioner of Burmah, his own personal Staff, and others, inspected the whole of Ross Island. A strong guard of Native Infantry and Police accompanied the Viceroy, who even objected to their care as being excessive. He returned on board ship at 2 o'clock. At half-past 2 o'clock the Viceroy returned on shore with the Superintendent, Mr. Ellis, Major Burne, private secretary; Captains Lockwood and Gregory, Aides-de-Camp; Colonel Jervois, Count Waldstein, and Mr. Allen, and also a native body servant. The precautions for guarding the Viceroy were greater than before when he visited Viper Island and Chatham. Till 5 o'clock nothing of moment occurred to give cause for fear. The programme ended here; but the Viceroy proposed a visit to Hope Town and Mount Harriet. Mr. Ellis, being lame, remained behind, also Captain Gregory on business. All the others and some of the armed escort accompanied the Viceroy. The Viceroy rode and walked up the hill; the others on foot close round. They reached the top near sunset, and stayed ten minutes. They walked down, with Count Waldstein and Captain Lockwood in advance, the rest close together, with the Viceroy's guard on both sides and in the rear. About 300 yards from the hill darkness came on and torches were lit. No convicts were near, except on barrows, with overseers, on a line off the road. About a quarter to 7 they reached the pier. The pier is narrow with steep stone sides. When about 25 yards from the boat, with the Viceroy's permission, the Superintendent dropped a little behind to give an order. It was now quite dark. The armed escort was close to the Viceroy on both sides, the police and his body servant in the rear, and Major Burne a few paces to the left. Colonel Jervois, Lieutenant Hawkins, and his personal body servant were nearest the Viceroy in the rear. The sailors of the Glasgow were at the end of the pier in the front. The Viceroy advanced a few paces along the pier, when the assassin sprang in a moment out of the darkness on the Viceroy, and stabbed him twice, on the top of the left shoulder and under the right shoulder blade. The assassin was immediately seized. The Viceroy ran a few paces forward and fell over the pier into shallow water on the left, but got up of himself, and was helped out, his shoulder bleeding copiously. The Viceroy walked firmly, felt his shoulder, and said, "I don't think I am very much hurt." He was laid on a cart, the blood now flowing rapidly. When his wounds were bound up the Viceroy asked to be taken on board ship. When being carried to the boat, he said twice, "Lift up my head." He spoke no more, but expired shortly afterwards on his way to the ship...

"There is ... no reason to give the murder any political significance. The assassin belongs to the class whose very profession may be said to be murder.

"Everything is quiet everywhere, and there is no cause for any apprehension."

In all innocence

From Mrs Elizabeth Burley

Sir, What a pity Bernard Levin's sentiments on *Crocodile Dundee* (February 9) were apparently not shared by the film censor, who saw fit to exclude from the audience anyone under the age of 15.

Perhaps it would be appropriate, through your columns, to invite comment on the criteria used for awarding this film, where innocence triumphs, a category which meant that the only way we could, on a recent visit to London, take our 12-year-old son to see it was to smuggle him into the cinema.

Yours *faithfully,*
E. BURLEY,
Kv 1020, Mezhdunarodnaya 2,
Krasnopresnenskaya Nab 12,
Moscow, Soviet Union.
February 12.

Love's roundabout

From Victoria and Matthew Shale

Sir, We do not agree with the poem by Alice Thomas Ellis published in *The Times* on St Valentine's day:

Men love women
  Women love children
Children love hamsters
  And hamsters don't love anyone.

It is quite untrue. We have two hamsters, a male and female, and they love each other and us!

Yours sincerely,
VICTORIA SHALE (aged 11),
MATTHEW SHALE (aged 9),
17 David Grove,
Beeston, Nottingham.
February 15.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 19: Her Excellency Dr Sally J. Kosgei was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of her predecessor and her own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for Kenya in London.

Her Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Miss M.D. Odinga (Counsellor), Mr A. Githinji (First Secretary), Miss S.F. Atandi (Third Secretary), Colonel B.M. Kurutu (Defence Adviser), Mr C.M. Kang'e (Agriculture Attaché), Mr S.O. Oloo (Education Attaché), Mr T.K. Ombati (Cultural Attaché) and Mr G.K. M'Agere (Press Attaché).

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr J.A. Robson was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Oslo.

Mrs Robson had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Sydney Brenner had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour.

Sir John Summerson had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour.

The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Royal College of Pathologists at 2 Carlton House Terrace, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Having been received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs Terence Mallinson) and the President of the College (Professor Barbara Clayton), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness viewed various displays on the work of the College and met members of the staff.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Duke of York.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, this morning inspected a Guard of Honour in the garden at Clarence House.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was subsequently present for a Reception given in St James's Palace for Past and Present members of the Regiment to mark the 50th Anniversary of Her Majesty becoming Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Bays.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother honoured the Colonel, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston) with her presence at luncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Lady Jean Rankin, Major John Griffin and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for Dame Ann Parker Bowes which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by The Hon Mrs Wills at the Memorial Service for Dame Ann Parker Bowles which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 19: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Dame Alice Owen's School, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, and later, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visited Continental Microwave Limited and Measurement Technology Limited in Luton, Bedfordshire.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 19: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Sangorski & Sutcliffe, Bookbinders, at Poland Street, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infantry, later received Major-General B.M. Lane, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel J.W. Parker upon assuming Command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel M.H. Philp, Commanding Officer designate of the 1st Battalion.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were represented by Lady Mary Mumford at the Memorial Service for Dame Ann Parker Bowles which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Richard Denby will be held at Ilkley Parish Church at 12.30 today.

Appointments

Mr E.A.J. Fergusson to be Ambassador to France in succession to Sir John Fretwell, who will be taking up a further diplomatic appointment.

Mr A.G. Munro to succeed Mr Fergusson as Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Middle East/Africa), Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Mr C.W. France, Second Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Security, to be Permanent Secretary at the department.

Mr M.J.A. Partridge to be Second Permanent Secretary at the DHSS.

Mr John Chilcot to be Deputy Under Secretary of State (Civil Service grade 2) in charge of the Home Office Police Department. Mr Chilcot succeeds Mr Partridge as head of the department.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.L.C. Byatt
and Miss H.A.D. Palmer**
The engagement is announced between Andrew Lorne Campbell, son of Sir Hugh and Lady Byatt, of Leargnahension, by Tarbert, Argyll, and Harriet Alyson Ducarel, daughter of Sir John and Lady Palmer, of Gayton House, Northampton.

**Mr A.J. Scott-Barrett
and Miss S.C. Gurney**
The engagement is announced between Alexander John, youngest son of Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett and the late Lady Scott-Barrett, of Hall House, Kersey, Suffolk, and Sonia Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gurney, of Bracon Lodge, Bracon Ash, Norfolk.

**Mr D.R. Beardsley
and Miss V.C. Jones**
The engagement is announced between Duncan, elder son of Mr Richard Beardsley and the late Mrs Margaret Beardsley, of Algarve, Portugal, and Veryan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Jones, of Windsor, Berkshire.

**Mr L. Blackledge
and Miss S.A. Rougier**
The engagement is announced between Lionel, only son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Blackledge, of Upminster, Essex, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Rougier, of Cranham, Essex.

**Mr R.N. Charrington
and Miss S.A. Palliser**
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr Greville Charrington, MC, and Mrs Charrington, of Hedges, Clayhanger, Somerset, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Palliser, of Mere Down House, Mere Down, Mere, Wiltshire.

**Mr R.J.N. Cripps
and Miss M.J. Mullin**
The engagement is announced between Jame, youngest son of Mr Anthony Cripps, CBE, DSO, QC, and Mrs Cripps, of Alton House, Felbridge, Sussex, and Margaret Jude, third daughter of the late Mr Sam S. Mullin and Mrs Margaret F. Mullin, of Osterville, Massachusetts.

**Captain C.H.D. Danvers
and Miss I.M.T. Yates**
The engagement is announced between Colin Danvers, The Royal Hussars (PWO), second son of Lieutenant-Colonel A.A.J. Danvers and the late Mrs Danvers, of the Muthaiga Club, Nairobi, Kenya, and Maria, elder daughter of the late Mr J.I. Yates and of Mrs F.I. Yates, of Westmead House, Brimpton Common, Reading, Berkshire.

**Mr G. Edmondson
and Miss R. Chute**
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of the late L.G. Edmondson, of Pirbright, Surrey, and Mrs J. Edmondson, of Chertsey, Surrey, and Rachel, twin daughter of F.C. Chute, of Stedham, Midhurst, and Mrs G.M.J. Chute, of London, SW7.

**Mr A.H. Garratt
and Miss W.J. Smith**
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Garratt, of Warehorne, Kent, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Smith, of Chackmore, Buckingham.

**Mr S.C.E. Gentilli
and Miss S.L. Woodward**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs S.R. Gentilli, of London, and Susan Louise, daughter of Mrs K.M. Woodward, of Henley-on-Thames, and Mr D.C. Woodward, of Philadelphia, United States.

**Mr C.J.B. Green
and Mrs J.S. Mylne**
The marriage will take place quietly on April 30, between Christopher Green, of Greenwich, London, and Jennifer Mylne (née Fletcher), of Emsworth, Hampshire.

**Mr J.W. Hills
and Miss F.C. Cole**
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr Barrington W. Hills, of Manton, Wiltshire, and Mrs Maureen Hills, of Newmarket, Suffolk, and Fiona, daughter of Mr John M. Cole, of Baughurst, Hampshire, and Mrs Keith Buckingham, of Woodlands St Mary, Berkshire.

**Mr D.J. Hogan
and Miss C.A. Bettaney**
The engagement is announced between David John, son of Mr and Mrs A. Hogan, of Newtown, Powys, and Caroline Angela, daughter of the late Mr A.W.F. Bettaney and Mrs Bettaney, of Hartlip, Kent.

**Mr P.D.S. King
and Miss S.B. Hopkins**
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Eric King, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hopkins, of Dulwich, London.

**Mr D. Laurie
and Miss T. Shasha**
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of the late Stephen Laurie, and Mrs C. Laurie, Belgravia, London SW1, and Tania, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Shasha, Kensington, London, W14.

**Mr J.M.V. Mills
and Miss I.F.G. Johnston**
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr H.M. Mills, of Ampney St Peter, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Mrs D.F. Redrup, of Camberley, Surrey, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr W.G.S. Johnston and the late Mrs Johnston, of Limpsfield, Surrey.

**Mr D.A. Murray
and Miss L.A. North**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Commander A.G.P. Murray and the late Mrs Jean Murray, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Lynnette Anne, daughter of Mrs Valerie North, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Mr A.J. North, of Shaw, Wiltshire.

**Mr N.S.G. Murray
and Miss N.M. Poole**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Murray, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Poole, of Cobham, Surrey.

**Mr R.C. Nightingall
and Miss H.M. Allen**
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr Charles William Nightingall and of Mrs Margaret Nightingall, of Oxted, Surrey, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Allen, of Frant, Sussex.

**Mr A. Oswald
and Miss C.E. Fisher**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Oswald, of Frimley, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Fisher, of East Hagbourne, Oxfordshire.

**Dr T.J.O. Sanderson
and Miss J.L. Morton**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mrs C.M. Sanderson, of Twickenham, and the late R.W.W. Sanderson, and Jennifer, only daughter of Major and Mrs P.P.H. Morton, of Mariners, Salcombe.

**Mr J.M. Simpson Goodall
and Miss S.M. Hicks**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Simpson Goodall, of Church Lane, Pudsey, and Sarah Marguerite, daughter of the Rev R.B. Hicks, of Hilperton Rectory, Trowbridge.

**Mr A.D.W. Stamp
and Miss L.C. Cobban**
The engagement is announced between Alexander David Witherington, son of Mrs Sheila Stump and the late Dr K.J.W. Stump, of Windella, Rowena, New South Wales, Australia, and Lucinda Carolyn, daughter of Commander and Mrs J.J.M. Cobban, of Titchfield, Hampshire.

**Mr N.J.S. Taylor-Young
and Miss V. Douglas-Pennant**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas James Strang, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Taylor-Young, of Nether Hall, Widford, Ware, Hertfordshire, and Venetia, daughter of the late Mr Henry Douglas-Pennant and Mrs Pamela Douglas-Pennant, of Wolford Lodge, Honiton, Devon.

**Mr R.C.W. Williams
and Miss A.J. Tuckman**
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Williams, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Tuckman.

Marriages

**Mr W.F. Chester-Master
and Mrs H. Genillard**
The marriage took place at Cirencester on Saturday, February 14, of Mr William Chester-Master and Mrs Hilary Genillard (née Fellner).

**Mr J.E. Dortort
and Miss M.C. Kelly**
The marriage took place on February 7, between Mr Julian Dortort, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Dortort, of Kew Gardens, London, and Miss Maria Clara Kelly, daughter of the late Dr Fernando Kelly and Mrs Kelly, of Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro.

Birthdays today

Mr Robert Altman, 62; the Right Rev George Appleton, 85; Mr Enzo Ferrari, 89; Mr Peter Ford, 75; Dr Ruth Gipps, 66; Sir Owain Jenkins, 80; Commandant Dame Marion Kettlewell, 73; Mr Cecil King, 86; Mr Mike Leigh, 44; Professor Sir William Mansfield Cooper, 84; Sir Frederick Page, 70; Mr Sidney Poitier, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Cameron Rusby, 61.

Memorial service

Dame Ann Parker Bowles
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Princess Margaret by the Hon Mrs Wills and Princess Alexandra by Lady Mary Mumford at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Dame Ann Parker Bowles held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

Father Wilfrid Tighe officiated, assisted by the Rev J. Neville Thomas. Mr Richard Parker Bowles, son, read from *Journey for a Soul* by Pope John XXIII and Mr Simon Parker Bowles, son, from a poem by Rupert Brooke. Among those present were:

Colonel and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Mary Ann Paravicini (daughter), Mrs Simon Parker Bowles (daughter-in-law), Tom Parker Bowles, Laura Parker Bowles, Luke Parker Bowles, Sam Parker Bowles, Emma Parker Bowles, Derek Paravicini and Miss Elizabeth Ann Paravicini (grandchildren), Lady Bowes-Lyon and Lady Aitken (sisters), Mr and Mrs Fulke Walwyn (brother-in-law and sister), Daphne Lady Poole (sister-in-law), Mrs John Bowes-Lyon, Mr and Mrs David Bowes-Lyon, Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, Lord and Lady Beaverbrook, the Hon Mrs David Mallett, Miss Jane Walwyn.

The Duke of Devonshire, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marquess and Marchioness of Hartington, Earl and Countess Cadogan, Countess De La Warr, the Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, the Earl of Scarbrough, the Earl of Westmoreland, Ruth Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, Viscount Chelsea (Jockey Club), Viscountess Cowdray, Viscount Leverhulme, Lord Patrick Beresford, Lady Baden-Powell, Lady Fermoy, Lord and Lady Howard de Walden, Lord and Lady Vestey, Lady Grimthorpe, Lord Ashcombe, Lady Petre, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lady Ramsay, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lady Soames, Lady Rosemary Muir, Lady Sarah Stuart, Lady Alexandra Beasley, Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, Lady Angela Oswald, Lady Gillian Anderson, Lady Diana Herbert, Lady Marjorie Stopford.

The Hon Lady Ford, the Hon Mrs Marten, the Hon Ursula Mills, the Hon Mrs Charles Morrison, Major the Hon Jeremy Monson, the Hon David Russell, the Hon Mrs Wallace, the Hon Mrs Jeremy Soames, the Hon Mrs Charlotte Hambro, the Hon Dominic and Mrs Elliot, the Hon Mrs Sarah Baring, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, Romie Lady Cotter, Sir Nigel Strutt, Lady Brassey, Sir Arthur Collins, Lady McCreery, Sir John and Lady Beith, Captain Sir Alastair Aird, Lady Bengough, Sir Anthony Tuke, Lady Polter, Mr Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes, Major Nicholas and Lady Clarissa Collin, Mr and the Hon Mrs A Heber Percy, Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Bridge, Major and the Hon Mrs Bruce Shand, Count and Countess Joseph Czernin.

Dr June Paterson-Brown (chief commissioner, Girl Guides) with Lord Maclean and Baroness Carnegy of Lour (vice-presidents, Girl Guides Association) and Lady Maclean, Miss M W Hayter (general secretary), the Hon Beryl Cozens-Hardy (representing the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) with Mrs J Blooman (also representing the chief commissioner, South West England), Miss R Charles (chief commissioner, Girl Guides in Wales), Mrs P Robotham (county commissioner, Berkshire), Lady Buckhurst (president, Sussex East), Meriel Lady Salt (president, Dorset), Mrs Philip Booth (South Ascot and district), Mrs H Clear (Trefoil Guild), Major-General M J H Walsh (Chief Scout) and Mr K H Stevens (chief executive commissioner, Scout Association).

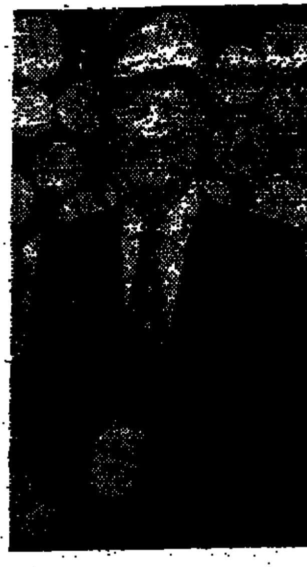
Princess Nicholas von Preussen, Mr Ian Pilkington, Brigadier R Sassoon, Mrs Neville Thomas, Mrs Thomas Fellowes, Mr Hugh van Cutsem, Mr T Egerton, Mr Michael Gerraty, Colonel Gregory Hood, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Robin Hastings, Mr Tim Pilkington, Major Timothy Tufnell, Mr Duncan Davidson, Miss May Muir, Mrs Charles Benson, Mr Hugh Swire, Mr and Mrs William Spiegelberg, Mr Edward Stanley, Mrs Edward Lane Fox, Mr George Pilkington, Mr Charles Egerton, Mrs Angus Campbell, Mr James Hambro, Mr Richard Hambro, Mr Geoffrey van Cutsem.

Mr and Mrs Malcolm Kimmins, Mr and Mrs John Sheffield, Mr and Mrs Peter Walwyn, Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston, Mr and Mrs George Mann, Mrs Roger Harvey, Mrs Harold Phillips, Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith.

OBITUARY

MAJOR-GENERAL DENIS MOORE

Soldier and forester



Major-General Denis Moore, CB, whose skill in military technology was matched by his mastery of timber growing, died on February 16. He was 77.

Denis Grattan Moore was born at Simla, India, on March 15, 1909, a soldier's son. As a boy, he spent many of his school holidays with guardians on their county Tyrone estates.

His love of the countryside, nurtured during those summers, never left him and was to return to fill his later years.

He was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst, and in 1929 was commissioned into The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. In 1935 he went to the Royal Military College of Science, where he took the exacting pre-war advanced course in science and technology.

He spent a year as secretary of the ordnance board before going, in 1939, to the staff college at Quetta. He was then attached to GHQ India until, in 1941, he and another officer were sent on a special mission to North Persia.

They travelled up to the Caspian where they negotiated with the Russians for the evacuation of General Anders and his Polish compatriots through Persia.

Moore's next posting - to HQ Eighth Army, in 1943, as assistant director of artillery (weapons) - gave him the chance to employ his considerable grasp of military technology. Three years later he was at the War Office where he was involved in technical and scientific intelligence.

In 1948-9 he was 2nd in command, 3rd Battalion, Parachute Regiment. He then took command of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers until, in 1952, he returned to the War Office for a further two years, again in technical intelligence.

In 1958 he was promoted major-general and, at the same time, appointed director of weapons and development at the War Office, the first fully-qualified front-line officer to fill a major-general's post on the general staff which demanded technical skills.

Finally, in 1961, he was made chief, joint services liaison staff, BAOR, a post he held until his retirement two years later. He was, at the same time (1960-6) colonel of The Royal Inniskillings.

Moore was essentially a country man, a conservationist and naturalist, who was also a good shot and a fine salmon fisherman.

His main concern, however, was with trees, and in this field he left his mark on the sylviculture of upland forestry plantations in Great Britain.

After the war, he bought a small estate in county Tyrone and, undaunted by the burning down of the house by the IRA, built another and started to plant trees.

His enquiring mind sought to discover the best species of trees to plant, and the sort of sites and soils they preferred. He was particularly interested in European larch, and set up experimental plots of a number of different races and provenances to find the best of this economically important and attractive tree.

As he became more immersed in forestry he turned his attention to the perverse way in which Sitka spruce - the bread and butter tree of British forestry - was so often blown down before it reached millable size when grown on upland sites of thin, peaty soils.

Normal thinning régimes so often resulted in wholesale wind-blow of the shallow-rooted trees that it had become the practice to clear-fell the plantations for pulpwood and to plant again.

Moore perceived the idea of cutting the trees to be thinned just below canopy level so that the tall stumps remained alive while their roots continued to help stabilize the remainder of the tree, giving them the chance to reach timber size.

This system he called "oceanic forestry", and he practised it on the many hundreds of acres which he planted in southern Scotland. The concept, though, has still to find full acceptance.

He was both a council member and trustee of the Royal Forestry Society. In Northern Ireland he was a prominent figure: chairman of the Ulster Timber Growers' Organization for many years; and high sheriff (1969) and DL (1974) of county Tyrone.

It is another of the tragedies that darkened the Ulster scene that, in the end, he and his wife felt obliged by local conditions to give it all up.

He married twice: Alexandra Wann, in 1932, with whom he had two daughters; and, in 1946, Beatrice Williamson, with whom he adopted a daughter.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL H. R. GRAHAM

Air Vice-Marshal H. R. (Bob) Graham, CB, CBE, DSO, DFC, one of the distinguished band of South African pilots who served the RAF during the Second World War, died on February 14. He was 76.

Henry Rudolph Graham was born on March 28, 1910. From school in Cape Town he went to sea for four years in ships of the Union Castle Line.

He joined the RAF as a cadet in 1931, and was thus a contemporary of his famous compatriot, "Sailor" Malan.

After getting his wings he spent five years with No. 45 Squadron in Egypt, the Middle East and East Africa. At the outbreak of war he was a navigation officer with No 3 Group, Bomber Command.

Graham served on bombers throughout the war. During 1940 he commanded the first Free Czechoslovak squadron, flying Wellingtons, and was awarded the Military Cross (Czechoslovakia).

The following year he was given command of No 7 Squadron and entrusted with getting the RAF's first four-engined bomber, the Stirling, into service.

Eagerly awaited and impressive on paper, the Stirling was a disappointment in practice. Its operational ceiling turned out to be lower than expected, making it an easy prey to enemy flak and fighters.

Nevertheless, Graham led his squadron on some of the RAF's first really ambitious attempts at long range heavy bombing, over Germany, France and Italy. This was a thankless task with such an inadequate instrument, but his skilful leadership earned him the DSO.

On December 18, 1941, he led a combined force in a daylight attack on the German battlecruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*, then penned up in Brest, where the Royal Navy was desperately anxious to see them destroyed. Indeed the Admiralty's insistence on this - personally backed by Churchill - diverted 40 per cent of Bomber Command's resources for a period of seven months in 1941-2.

Previous night attacks had achieved no tangible results from a prodigious tonnage of high explosives. At home the public was loudly sceptical about the RAF's capabilities.

The results of Graham's raid, carried out by Stirlings, Halifaxes and Manchesters, were of a piece with the melancholy history of Bomber Command's attempts to destroy specific targets.

No armour-piercing bombs were then available. Brest was heavily defended by guns and fighters. The ships were well camouflaged by nets and could, at short notice, be hidden under smoke-screens.

The daylight raid offered certain advantages of visibility, but made the attackers easy targets, too. Five of Graham's bombers were shot down, although the force's own fighter escort was nine squadrons.

Both ships were hit, but survived to make their famous Channel dash to safety the following year.

Flying a Stirling, Graham pressed his own attack with resolution and bravery. A shell damaged one of his elevators, making the aircraft extremely difficult to handle. But his tail gunner compensated by shooting down an ME 109s.

The following March Graham was hit three times by ground fire while carrying out a successful attack on the Renault works at Paris.

Though battling against the inadequacies of the equipment with which the RAF was saddled in the first half of the war, he began to make himself a reputation as a man who could get through to the target. If he never achieved the legendary status Malan had, on fighters, he was nevertheless described in one newspaper as "the best bomber pilot in Britain".

When the Pathfinders were formed in 1943, Graham was a natural candidate to join them, and by the end of the war he had flown 40 missions. Even in periods on the headquarters staff, he liked to nip away and join the odd raid.

After the war he spent a period in air traffic control, first at the Air Ministry and then at the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and, from 1949 to 1951, he commanded the air training group in Rhodesia. He was, finally, C-in-C Flying Training Command.

After retirement, he spent eight years fund-raising for the National Trust, but the lure of his homeland took him back there in 1969. He was, for a time, manager of a country club before taking up farming.

As an officer, Graham could be tough to the point of ruthlessness - a necessity in combat - but in private life he was a kindly man, with a fund of sympathy for others.

He married, in 1949, Maisie Butler. They had two daughters.

HIS HOLINESS DUDJOM RINPOCHE

His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche (Jigdral Yeshe Dorje), a key figure in the renaissance of Tibetan culture among its refugee community, died on January 17. He was 82.

Born on June 10, 1904, in Pemakö Province, south east Tibet, he was recognized as the incarnation of the nineteenth century Lama and visionary, Dudjom Lingpa.

He attended the monastic university at Mindroling where, under the meditation masters, he received the transmission of all the existing teachings of the Nyingma tradition.

Dudjom Rinpoche was a leading exponent of *dzogchen*, Tibetan Buddhism's ultimate teaching, and he was celebrated as a discoverer of concealed treasures (*terma*).

At the invitation of the Dalai Lama, he wrote *History of Tibet*. Two other books - *Fundamentals of the Teaching of Buddha* and the definitive *History of the Nyingma School* - are due soon to be published in English.

He also revised and edited the *Collected Canonical Scriptures*, a venture begun at the age of 74.

In his later years he travelled widely in the West, settling finally in the Dordogne where he set up his retreat.

He was one to whom Tibetan Lamas would direct their students, and he was regarded as the living embodiment of Padmasambhava himself.

Dinners

Association of Consulting Engineers
Mr G.M.J. Williams, Chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers, presided at the annual dinner held at the Hilton hotel yesterday. Viscount Caldecote and the Earl of Limerick also spoke.

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Chartered Surveyors' Company held a dinner at Bakers' Hall last night as the highlight of a week-long seminar which the company runs annually in conjunction with the City University Business School. Mr M.E. Taylor, Master, presided and received the guests with Mr Robert Steel, Junior Warden. Mr M.A. Pattison also spoke. The guests included the Master and Clerk of the Bakers' Company, the Vice-Chancellor of the City University, speakers who took part during the seminar and its organizers.

Basketmakers' Company
Mr Alec Sorrell, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr Geoffrey Rowley, Town Clerk of the City of London and Mr Derek Kimber, Master of the Shipwrights' Company, also spoke. Among those present were:

Admiral Sir Raymond and Lady Lygo, Colonel and Alderman Greville Spratt, Mr Alderman and Mrs P H Newall, Major-General and Mrs Patrick MacLellan and Canon and Mrs Eric Jarvis.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich
Professor J.R.A. Lakey, Director of the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology of RN College Greenwich, presided at a dinner held last night at the college to mark the conferment of degrees in nuclear reactor technology and radiological protection. Sir Alastair Pilkington, Chairman of the Council for National Academic Awards, also spoke and Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Second Sea Lord and Admiral President of the College, was among those present.

Bristol University Air Squadron
Squadron Leader C. Hilliker, Commanding Officer, presided at the annual dinner of the Bristol University Air Squadron held at RAF Locking last night. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage, Air Member for Supply and Organization, was the guest of honour and the other guests were Air Vice-Marshal E.H. Macey, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant, RAF College Cranwell, Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor of Bristol University, Professor I.J. Thompson, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Bath University, and Mr A.C. Morris, Director of Bristol Polytechnic.

Headquarters RAF Support Command
Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, and members of Brampton Park Officers' Mess held a dinner at RAF Brampton yesterday. Group Captain R.A. Holman presided and Group Captain D.W. Maurice-Jones also spoke.

Fan Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fan Makers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R.A. Pollitt; Free Warden, Mr P.G. Bird; Foreign Warden, Mr R. Scott White; Clerk, Mr I.R.P. Green.

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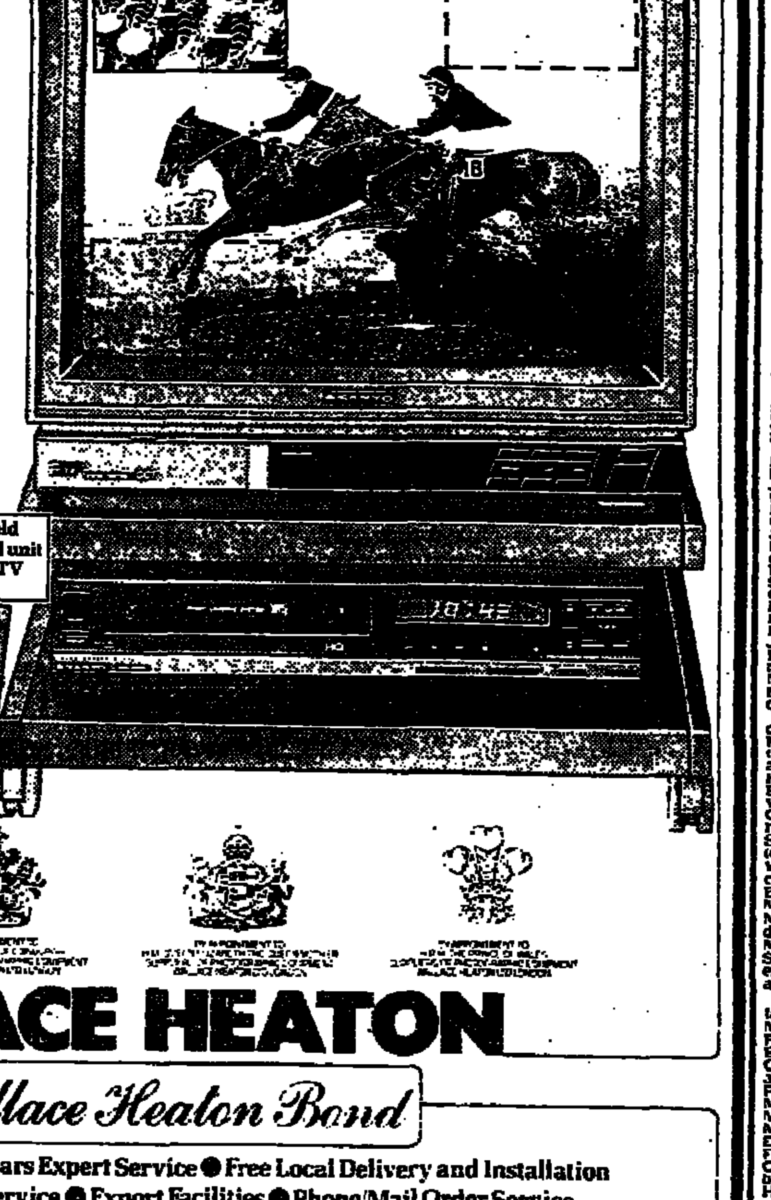

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new

2 Corinthians 5 : 17

BIRTHS

CHALONER - On February 18th, to Cathy (née Rowe) and Chris, a son, James Christopher.

DEVINE - On February 5th 1987, at University College Hospital, London, to Rita (née Cromar) and Michael, a daughter, Gretchen Elisabeth.

EMLYN-WILLIAMS On February 18th, at the Portland Hospital, to Tricia and Huw, a son.

GREENHALGH - On February 13th, to Meriel (née Feeny) and Jeremy, a daughter, Leonie Betty, a sister to Julian and Maiella.

HUTCHISON - On February 18th, to Peggy and Christopher, a daughter Libby Grace, a sister to Laurie.

LYON - On February 17th, to Elizabeth (née Buchanan) and David, a son, Edward Simon, a brother for Alexandra.

MASSON-TAYLOR - On February 18th 1987, at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Kerry (née Chippindall-Higgin) and Rohan, a daughter, Alice Pamela Orlaith, a sister for India.

McGUCKIAN - On February 18th 1987, to Ruth (née Hayter) and Brian, a son, *John Hayter.*

PENNINGTON - On February 13th, at Milton Keynes Hospital, to Yvonne (née Harrison) and Steve, twin sons, Josslyn James and Neal Edward.

POLLARD - On February 16th 1987, to Joan (née Salisbury) and Julian, a son, Robin Alistair, a brother for Caroline and Nicholas.

RAMSAY - On February 18th, to Patty and Ian, in St. George's Hospital, London, a daughter, Anna Chisholm.

RAYNER - On February 17th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Emma (née Carr) and Merrick, a son Charles John, *a brother for Robert.*

SCHOR-KAMINSKI - On February 8th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Teresa (née Sienkiewicz) and Jerzy, a daughter Emilia Zofia Maria, a sister for Stefan and Jan.

THORNEYCROFT - On February 13th, to Jennifer (née Archbold) and Max, a daughter, Emma Venetia.

TILLARD - On February 15th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Sarah (née Bray) and James, a son, Oliver.

WHEELER - On February 18th 1987, at Portland Hospital, to Lee and David, a son Oliver Manley.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CROWE:HEAL - On February 20th, 1937, at *Christ Church, Wanstead,* Albert (Jim), to Maida.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - On February 18th, peacefully at *her home in Epsom.* Hilda Andrews O.B.E. J.P., in her 85th year, beloved wife of Lionel Frank Andrews, mother of Michael and grandmother of Josephine, Nicholas, Matthew and Adam. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday February 24th, at 11.00 am. Flowers to Longhursts, Epsom.

BLAKEMORE - On February 16th, Erik, suddenly but peacefully. Much loved and adored husband of Maria, father of Camilla, Nicholas, David, Sebastian, Charlotte and Robert. Private cremation. *Family flowers only.* Donations to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London, W1. Memorial service to be arranged later

BROWN - On February 18th, peacefully at Streyte Cottage, Rolvenden, Kent. Derrick Walter Brown, M.B.E., T.D., beloved husband of Ray, proud and devoted father of Robin, Penny and Diana Rose (deceased), and caring grandfather of Rupert, Benjamin and Matthew. Funeral service at St Mary Virgin, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, *Kent on Friday February* 27th at 2.30 pm *followed by* cremation. *Family* flowers only but donations if desired to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, or McMillan Fund, NSCR, 15-19 Britten Road, London, SW3 3GY

COLDSTREAM On February 18th 1987, William Menzies Coldstream, aged 78 years, after a long illness, formerly Slade professor, University College, London, husband of Monica, father of Juliet, Miranda, Catherine, Frances and Robert. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced later

COLE - On February 17th, peacefully at Westminster Hospital, Jane dearly loved wife of Maurice and much loved by her family and friends. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, West Chapel, Tuesday February 24th, at 11.45am. Flowers to J.H.Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row, Westminster, London SW1.

CROWTHER-HUNT - On February 16th 1987, the Lord Crowther-Hunt, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford, suddenly in hospital. Dearly loved husband of Joyce, loving father of Elizabeth, Rosamund and Penny and grandfather of Edward, Katie, Beckie and Alexander. Funeral service for family and members of College in Exeter College Chapel, at 12 noon on Monday 23rd February. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Exeter College Appeal Fund, Exeter College, Oxford. Details of the Memorial Service to be announced later.

EASTON - On February 18th: Gervaise Leonard Edward (Garry), much loved father of Frances and widower of Olwen. Peacefully after a short illness, aged 93. Funeral Palma Mallorca, Saturday 21st.

FRANKS - *On February 13th 1987,* Harry, much loved son of Jen and Pete and brother of Ben and Ro: We shall miss him but will always be grateful for the 25 years he was with us. Funeral Christ Church, Esher at 11am Friday 27th February.

FRYER - On February 16th 1987, *peacefully,* Esmé Frances Eleanor, cremation privately. Service Monday February 23rd, at 2.15 pm, Blandford Roman Catholic Church. No flowers: donations for "Providence Row" C/O Cherretts F.D., Blandford, DT11 7EB. Tel: 0258-53295.

GODWIN - On Wednesday 18th February, peacefully, Marguerite Ostell (Pegs) (née Prosser), beloved wife of Brigadier J.F. Godwin RE, and mother of David and Michael.

HITCHCOCK - On February 18th 1987, peacefully in London, Helen, widow of Reverend Aldous Hitchcock, late of St Botolphs, Cambridge, member of the Women's Legion in the First War. Cremation at Golders Green, Tuesday 24th February at 1.20pm. Enquiries to Leverton and Sons Tel: 01 387 6075.

LEWIS - On February 14th 1987, suddenly *at Brewers Hill, Sandgate,* Kent, Dorothy, aged 82 years. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium Kent, on Thursday February 26th at 3pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to British Foundation for Age Research. Enquireies to Hambrook & Johns *Ltd., Tel: 0303-55167*

LLOYD-WHITE - On February 13th 1987, peacefully at Stubbington Hants, Edith Madge, beloved wife of the late Herbert, dear mother of Teresa and grandmother of Matthew and John. The funeral has taken place.

NETHERCOTT - On February 16th, at The Old School House, Residential Home, Longwick, Buckinghamshire, Victoria, aged 84. Funeral at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East Finchley on February 23rd at 12 noon.

PEPPIN - On February 18th 1987, at home, Gerald Sydenham John, son of the late Rev. G.F.C. and Mrs Peppin, husband of Helen (Carleton), a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private, later burial of ashes at Marston Magna, Somerset.

RAWLINS (DAVENPORT) - On February 18th, 1987. Reg (Formerly of Church Street, Littleover, Derby). Funeral on Friday, February 27th, Service 2.00pm in St Peters' Church, Littleover. Flowers may be sent to: G. Wathall & Son Ltd, 101, Macklin Street Derby.

RITSON - On February 13th, after a short illness, Daisy Caroline (Davide) of Hillfield Court NW3, aged 95. Widow of Max Ritson, beloved mother of Professor David Ritson and Linda Grobstein, adored Nonna of Marc, Francesca, Vincent, Matthew, Peter and great-grandchildren Raphael and Christopher Ritson, dearest friend of Ursula Bodilly. Was cremated privately on 17th February. Donations if desired to Sandgate Heritage Trust. Friends welcome at a Remembrance at the Liberal Jewish *Synagogue,* NW8, *date to be* announced

ROE - On February 18th 1987, aged 75 years, Peggy Ursula of Ashford, Kent, *Peggotty to us all.* Funeral service takes place at Barham crematorium, near Canterbury on Monday 23rd February at 4.00pm. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation Appeal, 57 Gloucester Place, London W1 H4DH.

SANKEY-BARKER - On February 18th, at Crickhowell Powys, Terence Clare Randle, aged 84; younger son *of Brig-Gen RB Barker DSO. Much loved brother of Philip.*

SEARLE - On February 18th, Harold *F.W., of Sheringham,* husband of Muriel and father of Frances and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich on Today February 20th at 4pm. No *flowers* by request. If desired donations to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

SIMMONS - On February 18th, Reginald Charles, beloved husband of Peggy and father of Ruth and Penny. Funeral 11.00am Monday February 23rd at St. Etheldredas Church, Old Hatfield. Parking at Hatfield House by arrangement. Family flowers only, donations to St. Etheldredas Appeal Fund, c/o JJ Burgess and sons Funeral Directors, Alfred House, The Common, Hatfield, Herts. Tel: (070 72) 62122.

SLATER - On February 18th 1987, peacefully, V.Wallace Slater, *loving* father of Helen and Kathleen. Cremation on Friday February 27th at Golders Green (West Chapel) at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to The National Association For The Relief of Pagets Disease.

STOREY - On February 18th, peacefully at Caton Green Nursing Home, Joan Aileen, aged 83. Widow of Alan Storey of Lancaster. Mother of Mary Bowring and grand mother of Thomas, Veronica and Duncan. Funeral at St. Paul's Church, Brookhouse on Tuesday February 24th at 2.15pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, c/o the funeral directors, enquiries to Preston Ireland Bowker Ltd, Halton, Tel. (0524) 66855.

VAN DER BYL - On Monday February 16th 1987, Canon A.F.P.V. (late Arch Deacon *of* Cape Town) after a short illness, aged 81 in Cape Town.

WHITFIELD - On February 18th 1987, after a long illness, Emeritus Professor AGW (George), C.B.E., D.L., M.D., F.R.C.P. Beloved husband of Barbara and father of Jane Clayton. *Memorial Service at Edgbaston Old* Church. Date to be announced later.

WILSON - On February 17th 1987, peacefully after a short illness at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Heavitree, Exeter, Katherine Margaret (Kitty), dear mother of Ken, Rosie and Bryan and grandmother of seven and sister of Terry. Funeral service at Cofton St.Mary near Dawlish Devon on Tuesday February 24th, at 1.30pm. Enquires and floral tributes to funeral directors, 36 Strand, Dawlish. Tel: 863380 by Tuesday morning.

WOODBURNE - On February 17th 1987, peacefully in Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, aged 80 years, Constance Vera Woodburne, OBE, daughter of the late Col. R.W.H. Woodburne and niece of the late Cpt. T.C. Charnley. Funeral at St.Columba's Church, Warcop, Cumbria on *Monday February 23rd* at 1.30pm. Funeral Directors L.B. and J.A. Harris, Winton, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria.

WOOLNER - On February 17th, in Charing Cross Hospital, Leonard, beloved husband of Ida, and father of Nigel. Cremation at Mortlake crematorium, 12 noon on Tuesday February 24th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 26, Victoria Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AISHER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peter, will be held at Penshurst Church at 3.30pm on Saturday 21st March 1987.

GILCHRIST-FISHER - A Service of thanksgiving for the *life of Alasdair* will be held in St. James's Piccadilly, Wednesday, March 11th at 11.30am

SIMPSON - Bill (William Nicholas Simpson). A Memorial Service will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden WC2, on Thursday February 26th at 12.00pm.

WHITE - A Service of Thanksgiving, for the life of dear Monica will be held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, on Thursday, March 26th at 12.15. Please let John know if you are able to attend.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

ARNOLD - In very loving memory of my dear daughter, Clare who died February 20th 1974, aged 21 years from Susan Alves and from Hugh, Mary, Adrian and Christopher.

CARLISH - In memory of my husband Montague Carlish who died on 20th February 1931.

LOCKINGTON - On February 20th 1984, Marjorie Phyllis, our darling MM, so dearly loved, so greatly missed. Paddy and Garry

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Science report

Reflecting on the borders of sleep

The results of new research by psychologists have raised a rather peculiar question: do we know when we are asleep? The issue was posed at a recent seminar in Cambridge given by Dr Peter Birrell.

In the laboratory, sleep is traditionally defined by the changing pattern of brain waves recorded by the electroencephalograph (EEG). As wakefulness recedes so the rapid alpha waves associated with vision fall away.

An individual then passes through several stages, simply named one to four, but characterised by deeper, slower waves. After about 90 minutes the period of deep sleep is broken by a spell of dreaming or rapid eye movement (REM) sleep. Periods of deeper and REM sleep typically alternate for the rest of the night.

Dr Birrell's studies at the psychology department of New South Wales University, showed a *discrepancy* between a behavioural measure of the onset of sleep correlates with the EEG measure.

His subjects dozed off with a button strapped to their wrists and EEG wires taped to their heads. Asked to press the button when they heard some gentle doorbell-style chimes, they unfailingly responded in stage one and also for the first five minutes of stage two, but not thereafter.

In other words the subjects behaved as if awake even when *the EEG signalled otherwise.*

If the sleepers are woken at various points in the night's first sleep cycle, and immediately asked whether they were awake or asleep, a similar pattern emerges. The results, show that sleep begins in earnest at stage two. Yet even in the deepest stages, three and four, around a quarter of the young adult subjects reported themselves as being awake before the researchers actually woke them.

It seems that these self-reports of wakefulness are influenced by short bursts of alpha waves. Following these bursts, which may last only *two* seconds, the subjects were more likely to report themselves as awake.

The influence of alpha waves also shows when subjects are asked to press a button attacked to their wrist, say every 30 seconds, whenever they are awake in the course of the night. After an alpha wave burst, the sleepers press the button, even when in deep EEG sleep.

The research team is now pursuing the possibility that insomniacs think they spend so much of the night in tossing turbulent wakefulness, not because they sleep materially less than normal sleepers, but because they experience more alpha wave intrusions. Whether the knowledge will convince an insomniac that he did not sleep too badly after all is another matter.

Royal Television Society

The Royal Television Society Television Journalism Awards for 1986 were presented by Lord Thomson of Monifieth, Chairman of the IBA, at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Mr John Tusa, managing-director, BBC External Services, and Mr John Gau, chairman of the judging panel, also spoke. The awards were accepted by Mr Andy Mayer, Mr John Suchet, Mr David Glencorse, Mr Peter Taylor, Mr David Wickham, Mr Jeff Harmon, Mr Alexander Lindsay, Mr Mike Inglis, Mr Vernon Mann, Miss Kate Adie and Miss Esther Rantzen.

Wadham College Oxford

Election of chancellor: Any Wadham member of convocation who intends to vote on Saturday, March 14, 1987, is invited to a buffet luncheon at 12.30 in the college. Please notify the Domestic Bursar's Secretary, (0865) 277963 by March 12.

Latest wills

Sir William Allmond Codrington Goode, of Streatley, Berkshire, the last British governor of both Singapore and North Borneo, left estate valued at £94,063 net.

Miss Robina Scott Addis, of Frant, East Sussex, one of the first psychiatric social workers who helped to establish MIND, the National Association for Mental Health, left estate valued at £597,431 net.

Mr Ian George Hallyburton Campbell, QC, of Amesbury, Wiltshire, the Lord Chancellor's Legal Visitor 1963-79, left estate valued at £853,747 net.

Church news

Church in Wales

Appointments in the diocese of Swansea and Brecon

The Rev E T Richards, diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa, to the benefice of *Llangammarch* with Llanlleonfel, Llanfechan and Llanganten, Powys.

The Rev D H E Mosford, Vicar of Ystalyfera, to the benefice of Clydach, Swansea.

The Rev D E Morris, Vicar of Penllergaer, with Pontlliw, to be Warden of Lay Readers.

University news

Cambridge

The following have been proposed for the award of honorary degrees:

Sir John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI; Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities; Professor Emeritus Wilhelm Feldberg, of the National Institute of Medical Research, London; Sir Rex Richards, Director of the Leverhulme Trust; The Rev Owen Chadwick, OM, regius professor emeritus of modern history at Cambridge; Professor Carlos Fuentes, Simon Bolivar professor of Latin American studies at *Cambridge;* Dr Mary Leakey, archaeologist; and Dr Witold Lutoslawski, composer and conductor.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Honoré Daumier, artist, Marseilles, 1808; Bela Kun, founder of the Hungarian Communist Party, Czehul Silvanie, Romania, 1886; Georges Bernanos, novelist (*The Diary of a Country Priest*), 1888.

DEATHS: Aurungzebe, last Mogul emperor of India, Ahmednagar, 1707; Joseph Hume, social reformer, Burnely Hall, Norfolk, 1855; Robert Peary, Arctic explorer, first man to reach the North Pole (1909), Washington, 1920; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, London, 1960; Percy Grainger, composer, White Plains, New York, 1961.

Receptions

Westminster School

The Head Master of Westminster School held a reception at the school yesterday evening after Sir Rex Richards had given the Henry Tizard memorial lecture. Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, was in the chair.

Lewis Briggs International

The Directors of Lewis Briggs International gave a reception and private viewing of British Art in the Twentieth Century at the Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, yesterday evening.

Sir Henry Wellcome

On Wednesday, February 18, a service was held in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral in memory of *Sir Henry Wellcome (1853-1936),* patron of medical research and history and founder of the Wellcome Trust. A memorial tablet was unveiled by Sir David Steel, Chairman of the Wellcome Trustees.

Today's royal engagements

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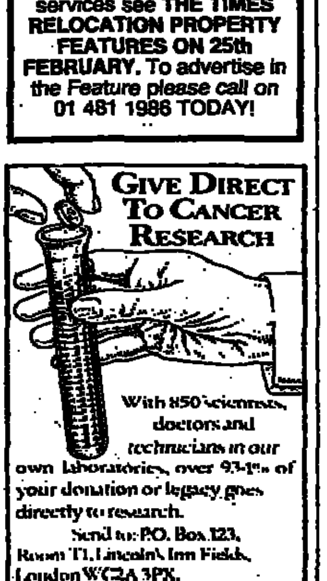

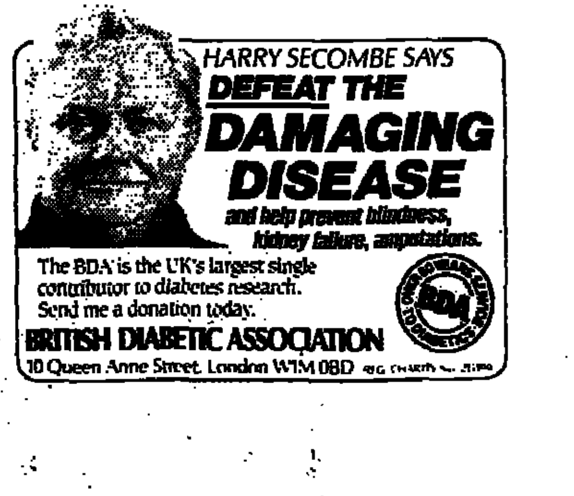
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DURBAN AND COAST LOCAL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 6526/86
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VAN HEERDEN AT DURBAN
ON THE 30TH JANUARY, 1987

In the matter between
EX PARTE:
BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED N.O.
Applicant

UPON the Motion of Counsel for the Applicant and upon reading the rule nisi issued out of this Court on the 30th September, 1986 and 28th November, 1986 respectively and the other documents filed of record

IT IS ORDERED

THAT the aforesaid rule nisi is hereby extended to the 27th March, 1987 in terms of Amended Order Prayed hereunder

AMENDED ORDER PRAYED:

1 THAT a rule nisi issued calling upon all interested parties to show cause on the 27th March, 1987 at 9.30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard why:
(a) it should not be declared that CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN, THE INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH, THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND jointly or alternatively CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN, or alternatively THE INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH or alternatively THE IMPERIAL RESARCH FUND is the beneficiary referred to in clause 4(b)(ii) of the Last Will and Testament of WALTER FREDERICK HOLSEY;
(b) the costs of the application should not be paid out of the said bequest on an attorney and client scale.

2. THAT this order be served by registered post upon:
(a) DIANA JOAN KELLY of 6 Beudon Place, Howick;
(b) JULIET ANNE GREYVENSTEIN of 115 Boswell Avenue, Mondeor, Johannesburg;
(c) KATHERINE DAWN WATSON of Old Inchgarth, Himeville;
(d) THE HEART FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, 912 Salisbury House, West Street, Durban;
(e) THE NATIONAL SEA RESCUE INSTITUTE OF S.A., 28 Trust Building, cnr West and Gardiner Streets, Durban;
(f) THE NATAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, 194 Umbilo Road, Durban;

3. THAT a copy of this order be served upon:
(a) CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN;
(b) THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London;
(c) THE INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH

4. THAT this order be published in one issue of the "London Times", London, on or before 28th February, 1987.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
A.M. RAW, ACT ASST REGISTRAR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 008540 of 1986
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
DISC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 27th November 1986 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company of £2,017,822

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Vinelott at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 2nd day of March 1987.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 17th day of February 1987
Birbeck Montagu's
7 St Bride Street
London EC4A 4AT
Ref. RDN/JPD
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 008781 of 1986
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE DE LA RUE COMPANY plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th December 1986 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company amounting to £57,706,597.40.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Vinelott at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 2nd day of March 1987

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 20th day of February 1987
Herbert Smith
Watling House
35 Cannon Street
London EC4M 5SD
Ref. 69/C36
Solicitors for the above named Company

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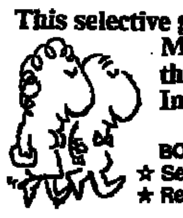

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☆ **CABARET:** Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Toyah Wilcox meets Wayne Sleep.
Strand Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 4143/5190). Tube: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon to Thurs 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, £9-£16.50.

☆ **CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL:** Colin Blakely in attractive Ayckbourn transfer from the NT; how to break hearts and wreak havoc by being tremendously good-natured.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686/7 or 01-434 1050). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.20pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.50pm, £3.50-£13.50, until March 7.

☆ **FASCINATING AIDA:** The witty, sexy, subversive threesome sparking and larking about for a four-week season.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, London W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 6.30-8.40pm, 9.30-11.40pm. £7.50.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tue-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat and Sun 3-5pm, £6-£12, until March 14.

☆ **SCOUT'S HONOUR:** Left-wing council inherits fascist money and farcical results ensue. Often hilarious.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon to Sat 7.45-10pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10, until March 28.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tue to Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm. £4-£11.50.

★ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** The Arthur Miller season continues with this 1950s drama of unacknowledged desire. Stars Michael Gambon.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Today and Mon 7.30-10pm. £6-£16. Sold out until end of April.

☆ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT:** Geraldine James and Julie Walters as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon to Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.55pm, matinée Fri and Sat 6.30-8.10pm, £7.50-£13.50.

☆ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?:** Billie Whitelaw and Patrick Stewart play the alcoholic academics in revival of Albee's finest drama.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Thurs to Sat 7.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.95, until March 5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ★ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Julius Caesar:** The new Company 3 brings together actors, directors and writers from 'differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds' (ie races). Roger Rees directs the opening production.
New Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.30pm, Thurs to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.15pm, £4, until March 14.

CROYDON: ☆ **A Piece of my Mind:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's new play covering 20 years of a writer's life.
Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (01-688 9291) Mon to Sat 7.45-10pm. £5.50-£8.50, until Feb 21.

DERBY: ☆ **Our Day Out:** Willy Russell's calamity-packed school outing show.
Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5, *until* March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

LEEDS: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971). *Henry IV Part One* Sat noon-3pm, *Henry IV Part Two* Sat 4-7pm, *Henry V* today 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, £3-£9.

LEEDS: ☆ **Camille.** First performance outside the West End of Pam Gems's stirring tear-jerker. With Diane Katis.
Playhouse Theatre, Caverley Street (0532 442111) Wed to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, until March 7.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Alchemist:** Ben Jonson's sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean London.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061-833 9833) Mon-Thurs 7.30-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.50pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.20pm, Sat 4-6.50pm. £2.50-£9, until March 28.

POOLE: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222). Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm. £4.20-£5.20, until Feb 21.

WORTHING: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in this Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production.
Connaught Theatre, Union Place (0903 35333). Mon to Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Wed 1.30-4pm, Sat 4-8.30pm. £3-£5.25, until Feb 21.

YORK: ☆ **Rebecca:** Manderley lives again. Will the second Mrs de Winter hold out against the forces of evil? With Tamsin Olivier and Gary Bond.
Theatre Royal, St Leonards Place, York (0904 23568) Mon, Tue, and Thurs 7.30-10pm, Wed 7-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm. £3.25-£6.50, until Feb 28.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

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1 (–) The Fly
2 (1) Crocodile Dundee
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FILMS

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CASTAWAY (15): Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Nicolas Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but no narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (116 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.

COMING UP ROSES (PG): Modest, endearing Welsh-language film about the closure of a small town cinema. Directed by Stephen Bayly with a touch of the old Ealing spirit (94 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.35, 3.30, 5.50, 8.15, 11.15.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05, 11.15.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE (15):** Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter bemused by New York's urban jungle. Broad and loud, but friendly (98 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.20, 6.05, 8.55.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.20, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.25.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 2.55, 5.00, 7.10, 9.15, 11.30.

■ **FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (15):** The thinking teenager's teen movie, with Matthew Broderick as the charmed pupil of a Chicago high school playing hooky with friends. John Hughes writes and directs (103 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149) Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.25, 8.35, 11.20
☎ **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200) Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15.

THE FLY (18): Jeff Goldblum — an inspired choice — plays the experimental scientist undergoing a metamorphosis. Directed by David Cronenberg with his usual emphasis on glossy, queasy shocks (96 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, 01-930 3232)). Progs 12.00, 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.15.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15, 11.00.

■ **THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG):** Eddie Murphy as a social worker recruited to rescue a kidnapped, magical child. A bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong hooey (94 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15, 1.20am.

■ **THE MISSION (PG):** Jesuits and colonialists struggle for power in 18th century South America. With Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons; Roland Joffé directs with a fine eye for spectacle and a blind eye for the script's deficiencies (125 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.05.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25, 11.15

THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG): Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure, based on Paul Theroux's novel about a family taking refuge in Central America's rivers and jungle (119 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.30, 11.35

OTELLO (U): The Verdi opera flamboyantly filmed for lay consumption by Franco Zeffirelli. With Placido Domingo, Katia Ricciarelli; conducted by Lorin Maazel (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 11.00.

■ **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15):** Francis Ford Coppola's warm, sophisticated time-warp comedy, in which Kathleen Turner's troubled mum finds herself back at high school (103 min).
☎ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.45, 5.00, 8.25.
Odeon Swiss Cottage, (01-586 3057). Progs 9.00

■ **A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG):** Merchant-Ivory's version of an early Forster novel offers the expected virtues and vices: elegance, civility, bloodlessness. With Helena Bonham Carter as the English girl whose visit to Italy opens new doors (117 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 9.00.

SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8.10, 11.15.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.50, 8.20, 11.10.

■ **SHORT CIRCUIT (PG):** Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.45, 8.20.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35, 11.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.25, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35, 11.15.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.25, 10.40.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.10, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs 3.00, 5.10, 8.30.

SOUL MAN (PG): Fast, furious and occasionally tasteless social comedy, with C Thomas Howell as the white man who blacks up to win a law school scholarship. Directed by Steve Miner (103 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.15.
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Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.30, 8.40, 11.15.

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** Animated version of Raymond Briggs's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
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☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.

Big Audio Dynamite undertake their third British tour within the last 12 months, confirming their policy of commitment to live performance in tandem with a passion for the latest that studio and beatbox technology has to offer. Despite the relatively disappointing chart run of their second album *No 10 Upping St.* and the last single "C'mon Every Beat Box", BAD show every sign of a band entering their prime. Three-and-a-half years since Mick Jones was dismissed from the Clash, he has established a strong stable line-up, with the dreadlocked former film-maker Don Letts emerging as an imaginative and forthright second in command. With their cosmopolitan mix of rock guitar, rattling percussive sorties and hip-hop-style use of "found" sounds, BAD are now one of the very few bona fide "rock" bands that could be said to be taking the music in a fresh direction. Jones continues to combine his fascination for movie escapism with the realism of contemporary social comment in a way that enhances his role as a guitar-slinging folk-hero. Victoria Hall, Albion Square, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 625331), 7pm, £5 (50p refund with UB40). *David Sinclair*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

FRENCH SONGS: Recital by students of the Guildhall French song class.
Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, London EC1, 1.10pm, free.

STRAVINSKY REMEMBERS: The Songmakers' Almanac team gives a programme of Stravinsky's 1906-13 songs under the title "Recollections of My Childhood."
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2, (01-628 7895, cc 01-638 8891), 1-2pm, £3.

EVENING

ALL BRAHMS: Peter Erös conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Brahm's Tragic Overture and, with the addition of the Scottish National Chorus and soloists, his *German Requiem*.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, (031-228 1155), 7.30pm, £2-£8.80.

FROM THE CENTRE: The National Centre for Orchestral Studies Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Graeme Jenkins in Britten's American Overture, Shostakovich's Symphony No 10, and Kevin McCrae solos in Walton's Cello Concerto.
Goldsmiths' College, Lewisham Way, London SE14 (01-629 9291), 7.30pm, admission free.

LEONORE WEINSTOCK: This viola player offers sonatas by Bach, Brahms — Op 120 No 2, and Shostakovich — Op 147, his last completed work. Kathron Sturrock is at the piano.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1, (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2-£4.50.

THOMSON/LPO: Dvořák's *Carnival* Overture and Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini* are performed by the LPO under Bryden Thomson; Jean-Jacques Kantorow solos in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto; Robert Hill in Weber's Clarinet Concerto No 1.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.35pm, £4.75.

FOWKE/JUDD: Philip Fowke solos in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 with the RPO conducted by James Judd. Also included are Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite No 1 and Beethoven's Symphony No 5.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2, (01-628 7895, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£11.50.

DANCE

★ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Lesley Collier and Stephen Jefferies dance Ashton's romantic comedy of young love triumphing over all opposition.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£22.50.

☆ **RED STEPS** London Contemporary Dance Theatre, Premiers Siobhan Davies's new work on a bill with Jerome Robbins's *Moves* and Robert North's *Troy Game*.
The Marlowe, The Friars, Canterbury, (0227 67246), 7.30-10.10pm, £4-£7.

☆ **DEEP END:** New work for DV8 Physical Theatre, together with *My Sex, Our Dance.*
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-9.30pm, £4.

☆ **MIXED BILL:** by London City Ballet includes Jack Carter's *Three Dances to Japanese Music* and *Coppelia*, Act Two.
The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 591591), 7.30-9.45pm, £5-£7.

OPERA

☆ **FAUST:** Ian Judge's gripping show-biz production of Gounod's opera strongly revived with fine performances from Arthur Davies, Helen Field, and Alan Opie and with a monsterous new Mephistopheles in Ulrik Cold.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** Ian Judge's new production of the Gilbert and Sullivan melodrama raises the curtain on New Sadler's Wells Opera's operetta season and celebrates the work's 100th anniversary. Cast includes Gordon Sandison, David Hillman, and Marilyn Hill-Smith.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£16.50.

☆ **THE DEVIL'S WALL:** First British performance of Smetana's last opera: a romantic comedy oozing with vintage Smetana in what promises to be a lively production by Christopher Newell for University College Opera.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629), 7.30-10.15pm, £4.50-£7.

ROCK

☆ **LONE JUSTICE:** Jangly guitars, the winsome vocals of Maria McKee, and up-beat tales of the new west.
International Club, 47 Anson Rd, Manchester (061 224 5050), 8pm, £4-£4.50.

☆ **THE PSYCHEDLIC FURS:** Richard Butler and band, pretty in pink tonight and tomorrow.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 6.45pm, £6.50-£7.50.

★ **CHRIS DE BURGH:** Family favourites from the "Lady in Red" crooner.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick (061 273 3775), 7.30pm, £8-£9.

★ **EUROPE:** The countdown continues.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 232 8520), 8pm, £5.50-£6.50.

☆ **THE STYLE COUNCIL:** Paul Weller takes his soul manifesto to the people.
Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (0202 297297), 7.30pm, £8.

JAZZ

☆ **HARRY GOLD:** A celebration of the bandleader's eightieth birthday, featuring his own band, the Pieces of Eight.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **JOE HENDERSON:** His tenor saxophone bearing traces of both Coltrane and Rollins, Henderson made his reputation with a series of fine Blue Note LPs in the Sixties and has continued to develop into a probing improviser of notable intellectual capacity.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

☆ **DANISH RADIO BIG BAND:** Once directed by the late Thad Jones, this formidable 20-piece outfit recently collaborated with Miles Davis and is now under the baton of the composer and pianist Ole Knock Hansen.
Queen's Hall, 5 Hope Park Crescent, Edinburgh (031 668 3456), 9.30pm, £5.

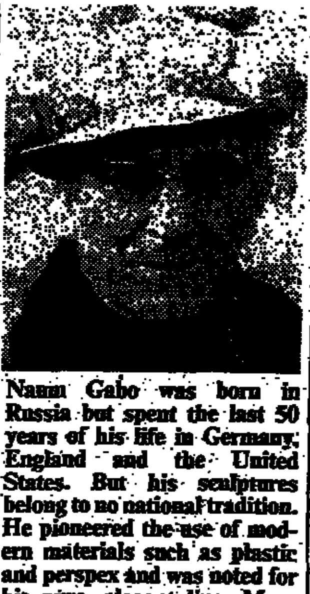
GALLERIES

GENIAL COMPANY: A collection of fine 18th Century portraits examining how portrait painters responded to the genius of distinguished sitters.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh (031-556 8921), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until April 12.

TSUTSUMO: An exhibition showing the traditional and exquisite Japanese art of wrapping and packaging by using straw, cloth, leaves, bamboo and clay.
Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes (0908-605536), Mon-Wed 9.30-6pm, Thurs-Fri 9.30-8pm, Sat 10-5pm, free, until March 21.

STEPHEN COOPER AND MARY WOOD: Brightly coloured, boldly executed abstract paintings by two young artists.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Deansgate, Manchester (061-832-8034), Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, Sun 12-30-4.30pm, free, until March 21.

RUSSIAN STYLE 1700-1900: 120 costumes lent by Leningrad's Hermitage Museum showing trends in court and country fashions.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Tues-Sat 10-6.45pm, Sun 12-5.45pm, £3, until April 26.



Naum Gabo was born in Russia but spent the last 50 years of his life in Germany, England and the United States. But his sculptures belong to no national tradition. He pioneered the use of modern materials such as plastic and perspex and was noted for his pure, elegant line. More than 100 of his works are exhibited at the Tate Gallery, London SW1 (01-821 1313), until April 20, entrance £2.50.

JOHN HOYLAND: New works by a veteran abstract painter whose style never stands still and who recently won this year's £25,000 Athena Art Award.
Waddington Galleries, 2 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until Feb 28.

TALKS

THE RAISING OF KITCHENER'S ARMY: Talk by Peter Simkins as part of the *London In The First World War* series.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10pm, free.

CLAUDIUS JAMES RICH: Talk by Margaret Oliphant in conjunction with an exhibition of Eastern treasures and manuscripts to celebrate the bicentenary of his birth.
British Museum, Assyrian Basement Lecture Theatre, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), 1.15pm, free.

BRITISH CONSTRUCTIVISM IN THE 1930s: Lecture by Louisa Buck.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

WALKS

THE FAMOUS SQUARE MILE: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.25.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK THAMESIDE: meet Blackfriars tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

EAST END'S HISTORIC GHETTO: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £2.50.

UNDERWORLD LONDON FAGIN'S FRIENDS: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

SHAKESPEARE'S LONDON: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES: For 6-8 year olds, stories, songs and audience participation on the theme of Jamaican traditions and lifestyles.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (01-328 8626), 2.30-4.30pm, 50p.

CRAFTSMAN'S CHOICE: Exhibition of items loaned by members of the Dorset Craft Guild includes fine examples of calligraphy, Japanese tapestry, limited edition prints, model narrow boats, presentation bowls and pottery.
Walford Mill Craft Centre, Knobcrook Lane, Wimbourne, Dorset, until March 2, weekdays 10am-5pm.

INDIAN EMBROIDERIES: Some of the best items of 17th-20th century textiles and Indian embroideries from the Embroiderers' Guild Collection at Hampton Court, rarely on public display. Descriptions and text in four Asian languages plus English.
Greenwich Borough Museum, Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street, London SE18 (01-855 3240), Mon 2-8pm; Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am-5pm; free, until March 28.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

DUKE ELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: Programme of Ellington's music on his birthday by Midnite Follies Orchestra, directed by Keith Nichols and Alan Cohen, with vocals by Ellington's own vocalist Adelaide Hall. April 29.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002). Advance postal booking open. General booking from March 3/4.

LAST CHANCE

EYE MUSIC: Survey of contemporary notation, with scores by David Bedford, Luciano Berio, Cornelius Cardew and others. Also work by John Cage and Stockhausen, illustrated with audio-visual programme. Until Sunday.
Hatoon Gallery, Newcastle University, Newcastle on Tyne (0632 328511).

EDUCATING RITA: Last performances of John Doyle production of Willy Russell comedy, with Hilary Cromie and Mark Buffery. Tonight and tomorrow.
Gloucestershire Everyman, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573).

PIED PIPER EXHIBITION: Work by ILEA primary schools involved in NT's Pied Piper production, with drawings, writing, photographs, plus rat costumes made by the children. Ends tomorrow.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033).

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 **ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** James Judd cond Philip Fowke piano Prog inc works by ROSSINI; GRIEG; RACHMANINOV; BEETHOVEN.

EVENTS

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THE ARTS

A class for war

The recent attack on Lofty of *EastEnders* by a group called Class War, led by the son of a butler, is an example of how militant class warfare in this country has often engaged in farce rather than *realpolitik*.

But, as was shown by *Scouts* (BBC2), a documentary about Baden-Powell and his role in making millions of boys stick three fingers in the air, nor are heroes of imperialism shy of the theatrically comic. During the siege of Mafeking, which made Baden-Powell a national figure, "B.P.", himself a keen amateur actor, organized music-hall performances in which he played the master of ceremonies. (He had to put on a good show as it was mostly his fault they were besieged.)

This theatrical playfulness was also vital to the development of the Scout movement, which from the first was designed to bring together the classes — as was reflected by the variety of accents faltering through the dentures of the

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veterans of the first Scout camp. Unfortunately, what most of the early generation of Scouts found themselves being prepared for was the First World War — which prompted "B.P." to make the Scouts less militaristic and more a "peace movement".

"B.P." is an easy target for modern critics — one recent biography is particularly vitriolic — but *Scouts*, though suggesting that he was a bit of an old ham, was an affectionate portrait. It would take a hard, humourless Class Warrior to stand such a quaint oddity against the wall.

The dubious theory that a modern British revolution has been prevented by our partiality for the eccentricity of the ruling classes seemed also to be supported by *A Cabinet of Curiosities* (*40 Minutes*, BBC 2), in which Lucinda Lambton fondled the oddest possessions, many stuffed, of rich, insane collectors. Ms Lambton, herself miraculously preserved with a deb's giggle, had me reaching for my gun, or rather remote control, only to disarm me with her infectious, eccentric enthusiasm.

Andrew Hislop

Roeg's visual sheen and vigour

CINEMA

Castaway (15)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue

Coming Up Roses (PG)
Screen on the Hill;
Cannon Tottenham Court Road

Soul Man (PG)
Cannons Haymarket,
Oxford Street

Buccaneering with relish: Oliver Reed and Amanda Donohoe in *Castaway*

What shall we recall from Nicolas Roeg's *Castaway*? Jagged images of sunlight, rocks, waves and lush vegetation; symbolic sessions with eggs and goldfish; the bodies of the principal players as they pick off leeches and totter round their tropical island consumed with boredom, loneliness and sexual constipation: Roeg marshals all his visual props with the flourish and sheen that once made him one of Britain's liveliest cameramen.

We are less likely to remember from *Castaway* any strong characterization, any dramatic highlight or tension, for this infuriating film hobbles along without them. This is regrettable: the material — based on Lucy Irvine's much-publicized experiences — needs every inch of support. We know the starting-point well enough — the advertisement that read "One year on a deserted tropical island, 'Wife' 20-30 needed to accompany man 35+". But the film version, written by Allan Scott (Roeg's script collaborator on *Don't Look Now*), advances little beyond cartoon sketches of the participants.

The newcomer Amanda Donohoe is a plucky, game performer, and Oliver Reed — more plus than 35 — acts the buccaneer with ease. But their willing efforts make little headway when Roeg abandons the characters' motives in favour of an abstract debate between civilization and untamed nature. The camera's emphasis on the naked human form skirts the borders of titillation, and does nothing to bolster momentum or audience sympathy. There must be many who will curse those nuns who sail in with first aid and vitamins at the couple's darkest hour, prolonging the film by 30 minutes.

Stephen Bayly's Welsh-language comedy *Coming Up Roses* (or *Rhosyn a rhith*) begins in the most melancholy way possible with a montage of abandoned, destitute or converted cinemas. We see art deco temples, once proud and gleaming, boarded up, crumbling into dust and debris, shoehorned into bingo halls. The camera then settles on the Rex — last remaining cinema in Aberdare, South Wales, where the ludicrous horror film *Konga* staggers through the projector before a tiny audience of old biddies and naughty boys. "Professor Tagore, you are too late!" screams mad Michael Gough as his outsize gorilla claims another victim.

It is also too late for the Rex, faced with one of three fates: car-park, bingo or supermarket. Eli, the elderly manager, launches into a rueful retirement; but Trevor, the dedicated projectionist, and Mona, who sold ice-cream and Kia-Ora, do not take defeat lying down, and pull themselves out of a delicate financial crisis by selling mushrooms nurtured in the dark, dank auditorium.

It is impossible not to warm to a film celebrating a vintage cinema's décor, celluloid ghosts and community spirit: the potted plants, chrome fixtures and publicity material for *Son of Sinbad*, *Pollyanna* and such carry a fierce nostaligc charge. Yet Stephen Bayly — an American-born film-maker of diverse experience, as Chris Peachment told us yesterday — and his regular writer Ruth Carter penetrate beyond surface details. As in their earlier Welsh feature *And Pigs May Fly*, they paint a vivid picture of a small town deep in the economic gloom, where household goods are steadily repossessed and listless youth can do nothing but scrawl "This town is officially dead" on the cinema walls. It also rains a good deal.

Leading characters are treated as carefully as the setting: look at the birth of romance between Trevor (Dafydd Hywel) and Mona (Iola Gregory) — their hands suddenly describing the same curve as they clean opposite sides of the cinema's glass doors. The best of the film matches that moment in blending the magical with the humdrum; unfortunately, the magical elements dwindle as time goes on. Illicitly growing mushrooms in a cinema might be a more sensible reaction to economic crisis than, say, building a Wall of Death in *Eat the Peach*, but mushrooms do a poorer job of nourishing the film's spirit. Our first inkling of treacherous whimsy comes when a beady little lady demands access to the cinema's toilet facilities; the film's cardinal virtues are then slowly thrown away in pursuit of a story that rings increasingly false and silly.

The fault is not new: British comedies in the Fifties regularly handcuffed large talents to miniature subjects, often involving small communities fighting quaint battles in the regions. The local comedies of Bayly, Bill Forsyth and company have the huge advantage of being fostered and made in the regions themselves, rather than Ealing, Beaconsfield or Shepperton. *Coming Up Roses* — filmed entirely in Aberdare for some £235,000 — even carries subtitles; with luck the salt, vigour and warmth of its people, and Bayly's sympathetic direction, will remain in the mind long after the mushrooms have vanished.

"This is the Eighties, man, the Cosby decade — America loves black people!" So says Mark Watson, hero of Soul Man, who darkens his skin with a new wonder pill to qualify for Harvard scholarship funds. Mark is soon eating his words: students, rednecks and police subject him to harrassment and racial jokes, though he is able to make useful headway with a beautiful black classmate (Rae Dawn Chong).

This muddled comedy spends almost as much time exploiting black stereotypes as it does criticizing them; the impact of its outrageous plot gambit is further weakened by the strained performance of C. Thomas Howell. It would be unfair to criticize his racial charade, but Howell's way with a joke is horribly leaden. Steve Miner, veteran of the *Friday the 13th* series, directed anonymously; the naive script was written by Carol Black, a Ph.D. student of English who unwisely interrupted her studies.

Geoff Brown

● David Robinson is at the Budapest *Film Festival*

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Xenakis: summoning ghosts

Stravinsky's dictum about the need to see as well as hear musical performances certainly holds where his own works are concerned, but there is a great deal of 20th-century music that positively thrives on invisibility: Ligeti's *Requiem* is very much a case in point, and so radio listeners probably gained even more than we did in the hall from the clear-textured, incisive and scrupulous account that Peter Eötvös conducted with BBC forces on Wednesday.

There are at least three reasons why that should be the balance of advantages. In the first place, this *Requiem* is not a liturgy or an oratorio but more an opera for the mind: a vision of hell, sung by shades. Then, on a more purely musical plane, Ligeti often asks here for sustained sounds whose onset and disappearance are imperceptible, sounds which are thereby detached from their physical origins, emerging from nothingness rather than from some throat or instrument.

Also, the concentration on specific groupings for long periods ought to be complete. The ominous effect of the opening, for instance, is not helped if one is aware that the subterranean basses and low woodwind are in the company of a platform full of people waiting for something to do. But nobody waits long in the clattering, shrieking machine of the "Dies irae", which partly for that reason came over most strongly, though it also benefited from Sarah Leonard's frantic sprints and Sarah Walker's calm authority.

Xenakis's *Nekuia* is another summoning of ghosts, and quite a monster. Large orchestral and choral forces are kept going for nearly half an hour; there is a lot of grandly scored noise in the middle to low register; and the composer's rediscovery of modality leads to a barbarous motivic obsessiveness as well as to a superabundance of dark tritones.

Bartók's set of Four Orchestral Pieces, Op 12, was exactly the thing to keep these two heavyweights apart. It is built on the same scale, and it is also music where the tritone is the key to images of death, especially in the crashingly grotesque scherzo and the funeral-march finale. But, where the Ligeti is proof against interpretation and the Xenakis is bound to sound self-indulgent whatever one does, Bartók's music asks for a keenly-judged ferocious coldness, and Mr Eötvös's achievement of that manner, coupled with the orchestra's full support, brought out all the wistfulness, melancholia and aggression in this rare and extraordinary work's personality.

Paul Griffiths

Consort of Musicke
Wigmore Hall

There is an unusual mystique surrounding the late 16th-century tradition of writing extremely chromatic vocal music. The harmonies are, unarguably, extraordinary — but there are also extra-musical factors which fuel our curiosity: the cult-like privacy in which this music was performed, the mysterious ways in which these avant-garde Italian ideas travelled Europe, the controversial thesis that certain chromatic sacred pieces contain the "coded" expression of illicit religious beliefs and (not least) the sensational lives led by Gesualdo and others in his circle.

In this superbly researched programme, the Consort of Musicke traced the chromatic madrigal from its Neapolitan cradle, through its masterly exposition by *Marenzio* and its more than half-crazed deformation in Gesualdo's hands, towards its elegant maturity in the early 17th century, and finally to a few pale but interesting English specimens. Most fascinating, perhaps, was the unearthing of some assured and vividly descriptive madrigals written by complete unknowns. Hearing Francesco Genuino's quicksilver "Se la doglia e'l martire", for instance, or the masterly textural contrasts exhibited in Scipione Lacorcia's "Ahi tu piangi", will certainly make one scour the small print in the *New Grove* with renewed vigour.

Another surprise was the revelation that Gesualdo's madrigals are not even the weirdest examples of their genre. Sigismondo d'India's aptly titled "Strana armonia" must take the prize for aleatoric inventiveness.

The six singers did well to make the recital as lively as it was, for a succession of 20 madrigalists sighing and swooning over their love-lives could have become wearisome. *Adopting a generally hard* timbre, the vocalists accentuated each line's individuality to excellent effect in the dissonant passages, and demonstrated a sophisticated variety of expressive devices. Anthony Rooley's gift for devising intriguing programmes remains admirable; one only wished his lute-playing had been as well prepared.

Richard Morrison

Bitterness in crazed momentum

THEATRE

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
Young Vic

Under pressure, Edward Albee once conceded that he wrote *Virginia Woolf* in answer to O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*, as a study of the penalty of living inside an illusion. If that is the secret of the play it is unusually well hidden, even for Albee.

The usual idea you get from his marital inferno is that George and Martha spend their whole lives demolishing each other's comforting fantasies and wielding the reality principle like a spiked club. From any reading, it appears that they love one another; but, such is the damage they inflict, you are left feeling that if this is an expression of love then human beings are better off without it.

The play is not an inexhaustible masterpiece, but any production has to choose whether the partners are primarily driven into combat by the pain of experience or whether they just love fighting. When Uta Hagen and Arthur Hill launched the play in 1962 it was a pugilistic spectacle. In David Thacker's excellent revival, an atmosphere of pain and reluctance hangs over the vicious games, and it takes some time before they develop their crazed momentum.

The first impression is that Billie Whitelaw and Patrick Stewart are unevenly matched. Martha operates with bludgeoning sarcasm and direct insult, George with poisonous irony and mock-courtesy — much the more dangerous weapons. He needs a rhinocerous-hided adversary like Hagen, or Margaret Tyzack in the National Theatre version. Unlike them, Miss Whitelaw seems to be forcing herself to go another round with a partner quicker on his feet than she is. At which point you realize why she has invited guests in at two in the morning — to give her some protection against him. And from the arrival of Honey and Nick (Saskia Reeves and Matthew Marsh) the production goes immediately into top gear.

Much as they may tear each other apart, Whitelaw and Stewart emerge as a doughty partnership working in combination against their callow, commonplace guests. With a murderously acute ear for cliché and a bitter understanding of marital and academic mendacity, they play a long and cruel game with the smug young biologist and his hysterical wife who draw them together as the "dear enemy".

Donald Cooper

Doughty partnership: Billie Whitelaw with Patrick Stewart

Mr Stewart throughout is the initiator: a grey, balding nonentity with an alarming capacity for switching in a flash from genial host to mocking challenger, and delivering his threats to Martha (which can sound hollow) as if some terrible retribution did lie in store. For Miss Whitelaw the key line is her refusal to forgive George for having "let himself down". Her performance ascends on an arc of pain, sometimes accelerating into blind fury, sometimes slackening into the comfort of the next drink or contact with a so-far unexplored body, but always heading for the final grief-stricken requiem for the imaginary child.

For once, the last scene makes perfect sense. It is a long evening; but it is Albee's purpose to put the spectator through the same endurance-test as the characters.

Irving Wardle

Anna Karenina
Citizens', *Glasgow*

It might be considered foolhardy to put the whole of Tolstoy's novel on stage in a mere three hours. In this version, described as "Dialogues after Tolstoy", the author Robert David MacDonald and the director Philip Prowse have wisely opted not to try. Out go almost all of Levin's and Kitty's story, the reflections on the blessings of the simple life and *on the socio-political state of* pre-revolutionary Russia, and some of the descriptive set-pieces of the novel. What is left is the great romance of Anna and Vronsky and the high society which will inevitably, in the end, snuff it out.

So Tolstoy it is not. But the Glasgow Citizens' it is, and the production is full of the daring leaps of invention that are their stock-in-trade. The story is retold by Anna's son Sergei (played by Mr MacDonald himself). Now an irascible old man looking back after the revolution, he sees not one but five Annas, dressed in identical elaborate black dresses (designed by Mr Prowse), who *process through the columns* of the great Moscow and Petersburg houses.

Scenes glide effortlessly into one another, past and present are subtly dovetailed, characters, once mentioned in conversation, appear magically in some other corner of the stage. And there are the trains — not actually on stage, but the young Sergei has a toy train-set, the sound of the ghostly wheel-tapper in Anna's dreams can be heard throughout, indeed a muffled figure with a long hammer shuffles across the stage from time to time, and Sergei is now, in the brave new Bolshevik world, a railway ticket-collector.

That the result is not entirely satisfactory should not prevent one from admiring the supreme confidence with which it is all carried off. The *production runs aground on* much more commonplace shoals. I missed any sense of heady romantic passion between Anna and Vronsky at the beginning of their affair, and the multi-faceted Anna was if anything confusing and certainly less well realized *than the solitary figures of, for* example, Karenin (Tristram Jellinek) and Oblonsky (Robert Gwilym). These two problems conspired to make Angela Chadfield's task as the principal Anna, of taking her into the realms of tragic heroine at the end, victim of her own passion and a rigid society, almost impossible, and we are left with little more than her surface paranoia. For all that it is an engrossing evening.

Robert Dawson Scott

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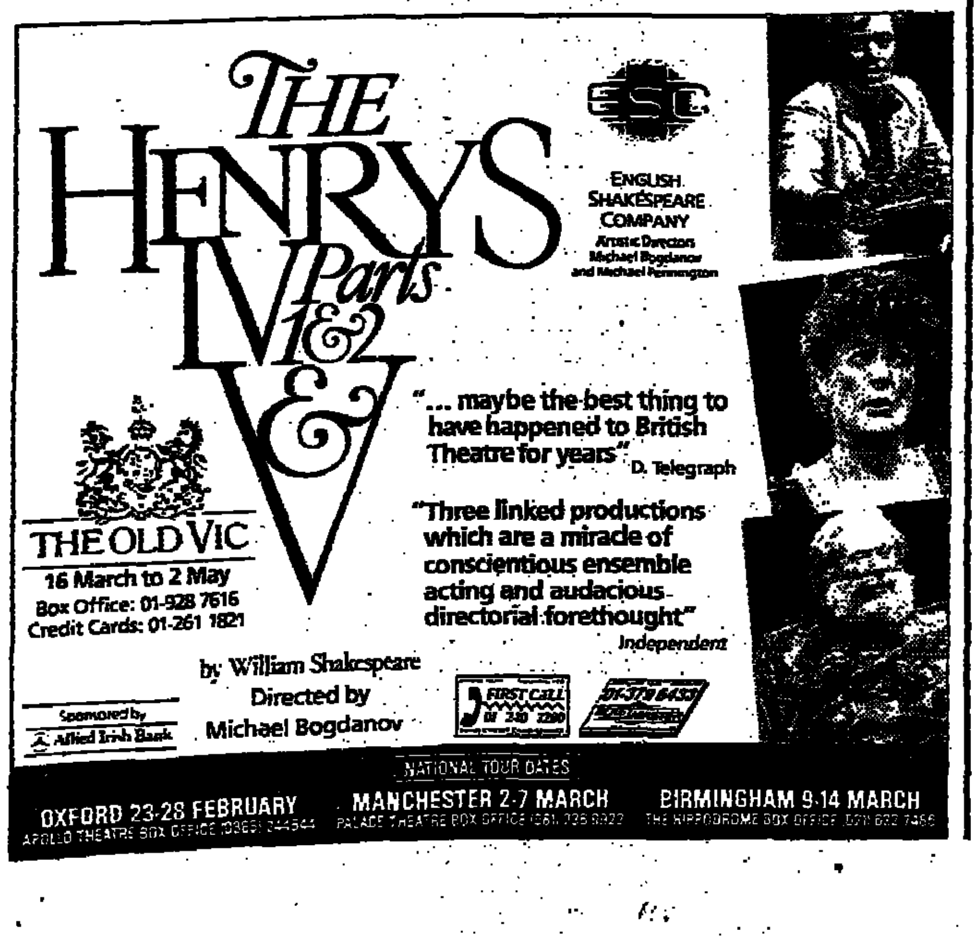

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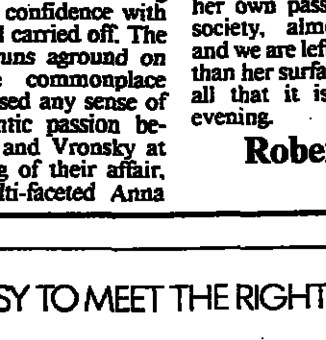

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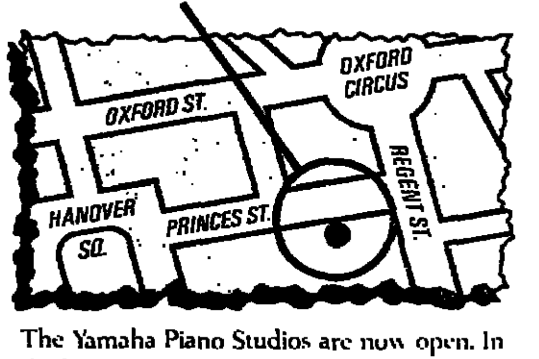

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Geneva Convention apt in asylum decisions

Bugdaycay v Secretary of State for the Home Department
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In re Musisi

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches February 19]

A man who had arrived from Kenya, claiming to be a political refugee from Uganda, could not be sent back because the Home Secretary had not considered claims that if he were sent back to Kenya he would be removed from there to Uganda in breach of article 33 of the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees 1951 (as amended by the 1967 protocol to the Convention).

However where the secretary of state did ask himself in such cases whether the danger was sufficiently substantial to involve a potential breach of the article, and answered it negatively in the light of all relevant evidence, the courts could not interfere.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by Mr Herbert Musisi from against the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Dillon) (*The Times* June 8, 1985) dismissing his appeal against the refusal of Mr Justice Mann to quash orders that the applicant be removed to Kenya.

The House dismissed appeals by three other men claiming asylum from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe) (*The Times* November 12, 1985; [1986] 1 WLR 155) of their appeals against the refusal of their applications for judicial review of decisions of immigration officers that they were illegal entrants.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Alper Riza and Mr Andrew Nicol for Bugdaycay, Nelidow Santis and Norman; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Miss Christa Fielden for Musisi; Mr John Laws and Mr Philip Havers for the secretary of state.

LORD BRIDGE said that it was the first time the House had had to consider the Geneva Convention.

The primary submission made on behalf of the first three appellants had been that the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (1983 HC 169) prohibited their removal to their own countries whence they came unless and until the courts had adjudicated upon and rejected their claim to be refugees from those countries.

His Lordship said that the reason why that argument could not be sustained was that all questions of fact on which the discretionary decision whether to grant or withhold leave to enter or remain depended had necessarily to be determined by the immigration officer or the secretary of state in the exercise of the discretion exclusively conferred on them by section 4(1) of the Immigration Act 1971.

The question whether an applicant for leave to enter was or was not a refugee was only one, even if a particularly important one required by paragraph 73 to be referred to the Home Office, of a multiplicity of questions which immigration officers and officials of the Home Office acting for the secretary of state had to determine daily in dealing with applications for leave to enter or remain in accordance with the rules, as, for example, whether an applicant was a bona fide visitor, student, businessman, dependant, and so on.

Determination of such questions was only open to challenge in the courts on the well known principles enunciated in *Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223). There was no ground for treating the question raised by a claim to refugee staus as an exception to that rule.

There had been some discussion in the courts below of the question whether the practice of the Home Office complied with paragraph 192(vi) of the *Handbook on Procedures and Criteria for Determining Refugee Status* published in 1979 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: "If the applicant is not recognized, he should be given a reasonable time to appeal . . . according to the prevailing system".

His Lordship expressed no opinion on that question since it was neither necessary nor desirable that the House should attempt to interpret an instrument of that character which was of no binding force either in municipal or international law.

However, if the effect of the UN recommendations was to require the secretary of state to treat every applicant for refugee status in such a way as to enable the application, if initially unsuccesful, to be tested by way of an appeal under Part II of the 1971 Act while the appellant remained in the United Kingdom, that would apply not only to those who had secured entry illegally, but to every applicant for refugee status who had been refused leave to enter.

The result would be that the secretary of state's duty to act in conformity with the obligation of the United Kingdom under the Convention to cooperate with the United Nations High Commisioner for Refugees and to have regard to his recommendations would override the express terms of section 13(3) of the 1977 Act, which prohibited an appeal against leave to enter so long as the intending appellant was in the UK. That was plainly untenable.

The appellant Musisi had arrived from Kenya posing as an intending visitor and was granted temporary admission pending further inquiries. The next day he made a claim to political asylum as a refugee from Uganda.

The appellant's father was believed to have been murdered by the Ugandan secret police. Two of his cousins had been arrested and killed. He himself had been accused of being a guerrilla and had been beaten up.

He had left Uganda and claimed political asylum in Kenya but had been unsuccessful. His temporary permit to remain in Kenya was due to expire a few months before he had arrived in England. The application for asylum was refused and directions were made for his removal to Kenya.

The secretary of state was informed by the appellant's advisers that the First Secretary of the Kenyan High Commission had confirmed that if the appellant were to arrive in Keyna without permission he would be removed to Uganda.

The secretary of state replied that Keyna, as a signatory to the Geneva Convention would not knowingly remove a Ugandan citizen to Uganda if there was any reason to believe he would be persecuted there.

The question arose as to how far the provisions of the Convention, to the extent that they were incorporated in the relevant immigration rules, should be regarded as as prohibiting the removal of a person who was a refugee from the country of his nationality to a third country in the face of an alleged danger that the authorities in that third country would send him home to face the persecution he feared.

If there was some evidence of such a danger, it was for the secretary of state to decide as a matter of degree the question whether the danger was sufficiently substantial to involve a potential breach of article 33 of the Convention.

If the secretary of state had asked himself that question and answered it negatively in the light of all the relevant evidence, the court could not interfere.

However, evidence filed on behalf of the secretary of state pointed to Kenya having in the past been guilty of returning Ugandan refugees to Uganda in breach of article 33. Since the decisions of the secretary of state appeared to have been made without taking that fact into account, they could not stand.

Lord Templeman delivered a concurring speech and Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff agreed.

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Duress is now no defence to charge of murder

Regina v Howe
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Before Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths and Lord Mackay of Clashfern

[Speeches February 19]

The defence of duress was not available to a person charged with murder, whether as a principal in the first degree (the actual killer) or as a principal in the second degree (an aider and abettor).

The House of Lords so held in departing from its previous decision in *DPP for Northern Ireland v Lynch* ([1975] AC 653) that duress was available to an aider and abettor to a murder.

The House upheld the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Russell and Mr Justice Taylor) (*The Times* January 29, 1986; [1986] QB 626) dismissing the appeals against conviction for murder by four men, Michael Anthony Howe, John Derek Bannister, Cornelius James Burke and William George Clarkson.

During the trials it had been alleged that the actual participants in the killings had done so under the orders of other men and under fear of their own lives had they refused.

The Court of Appeal had certified three questions of law of general public importance as involved in their decision:

1 Is duress available as a defence to a person charged with murder as a principal in the first degree (the actual killer)?

2 Can one who incites or procures by duress another to kill or to be a party to a killing be convicted of murder if that other is acquitted by reason of duress?

3 Does the defence of duress fail if the prosecution prove that a person of reasonable firmness sharing the characteristics of the defendant would not have given way to the threats as did the defendant?

Clarkson's appeal had been concerned only with the second question in respect of which he contended that if Burke was successful in the first question and acquitted by reason of duress he could not be convicted of murder as one who had incited or procured by duress Burke to kill.

Mr Michael Self, QC, Mr Roy Warne and Mr Peter Crichton-Gold for Howe, Bannister and Burke; Mr Alan Suckling, QC and Miss Diana Ellis for Clarkson; Mr Benet Hytner, QC and Mr Tim Langdale for the Crown.

The LORD CHANCELLOR said that while there could never be a direct correspondence between law and morality, an attempt to divorce the two was and had always proved to be doomed to failure. The overridng objects of the criminal law had to be to protect innocent lives and to set a standard of conduct which ordinary men and women were expected to observe.

His Lordship did not accept that it was either good morals, good policy or good law to suggest, as did the majority in *Lynch*, that the ordinary man of reasonable fortitude was not to be supposed to be capable of heroism if he was asked to take an innocent life rather than sacrifice his own.

Doubtless in actual practice many would succumb to temptation. But many would not, and the former should not be exempt, as a "concession to human frailty", from liability from criminal sanctions if they did.

His Lordship had known in his own lifetime of too many acts of heroism by ordinary human beings of no more than ordinary fortitude to regard a law as either just or humane which withdrew the protection of the criminal law from the innocent victim and cast the cloak of its protection upon the coward and the poltroon in the name of a "concession to human frailty".

He was not so shocked as some of the judicial opinions had been at the need to invoke the availability of administrative as distinct from purely judicial remedies for the hardships which might otherwise occur in the most agonising cases.

Even in *R v Dudley and Stephens* ((1884) 14 QBD 273) [where shipwrecked mariners, without food or drink, killed and ate the cabin boy to survive] when the death penalty was mandatory and frequently inflicted, the prerogative had been used to reduce the sentence of death by hanging to one of 18 months in prison.

In murder cases the available mechanisms were today both more flexible and more sophisticated. The trial judge could make no minimum recommendation. The Parole Board would always consider a case of this kind. In the background was always the prerogative and, it could not unreasonably be suggested, that was exactly what the prerogative was for.

If the law seemed to bear harshly in its operation in the case of a mandatory sentence on any particular offender there had never been a period in time when there were more effective means of mitigating its effect than at the present day.

It could well be thought that the loss of a clear right to a defence justifying or excusing the deliberate taking of an innocent life in order to emphasize to all the sanctity of a human life was not an excessive price to pay in the light of those mechanisms.

His Lordship also considered the argument that the law had to move with the times in order to keep pace with the immense political and social changes since what were alleged to be the bad old days of Hale or Blackstone — based on the false presumption that violence was now less prevalent.

We lived in an age of the holocaust of the Jews, of international terrorism on the scale of massacre, of the explosion of aircraft in mid-air, and murder sometimes at least as obscene as anything experienced in Blackstone's day. One of the present appeals could provide an example.

Social change was not always for the better and it ill became those who had lived through the cruel events of the 20th century to condemn as out of date those who wrote in defence of innocent lives in the 18th century.

The answer to the first certified question would be answered "No" and *Lynch* should be regarded as unsatisfactory and the law left as it was before that decision.

On the facts as they had to be assumed to be for the second question, the answer had to be "Yes". *R v Richards* ([1974] QB 776) [that a person could not be convicted as an accessory before the fact to a crime more serious than that committed by the principals in the first degree] would be overruled.

The third question would also be answered "Yes". The definition of duress, whether applicable to murder or not, had been correctly stated by both trial judges to contain an objective element, involving a threat of such a degree of violence that a person of reasonable firmness with the characteristics and in the situation of the defendant could not have been expected to resist.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that it was significant that although the *Law Commission Report No 83* (1977) had recommended that the defence of duress be extended to the actual killer, Parliament had not acted on that advice.

There was a rising tide of violence and terrorism against which the law had to stand firm recognizing that its highest duty was to protect the freedom and lives of those who lived under it. The sanctity of human life lay at the root of that ideal and his Lordship would do nothing to undermine it, be it ever so slight.

If the defence was not available to the killer what justification could there be for extending it to others who had played their part in the murder? Of course one participant in murder could be considered less morally at fault than another, but in the eyes of the law they were all guilty of murder: justice would be served by requiring some to serve a longer period in prison before being released on licence than others.

It was not difficult, also, to give examples where more moral fault could be thought to attach to a participant who was not the actual killer, for example, a contract killing. It was therefore neither rational nor fair to make the defence dependent upon whether the accused was the actual killer or took some other part in the murder.

As there was no fair and certain basis upon which to differentiate between participants to a murder and as the defence of duress should not be extended to the killer, *Lynch* would be departed from.

Duress was not available as a defence to a charge of murder or attempted murder. His Lordship added attempted murder because it was to be remembered that the prosecution had to prove an even more evil intent.

Attempted murder required prood of an intent to kill whereas in murder it was sufficient to prove an intent to cause really serious injury.

LORD MACKAY said that the reason advanced on behalf of the appellants to allow the defence of duress to persons in the appellants' position as the actual killers was based upon the assertion that the House in *Lynch* had allowed it to a person who had been charged with murder as a principal in the second degree (an aider and abettor) and that there was no relevant distinction between that case and the case of the actual killer.

The majority in *Lynch* had reached a decision without committing themselves to the view that the reasoning extended to the actual killer, but the question remained whether there was a potential distinction between the two cases.

His Lordship had not been able to find any writer of authority who was able to give rational support for the view that the distinction between principals in the first degree or those in the second degree was relevant to determine whether or not duress should be available in a particular case of murder.

Nor had he found any satisfactory formulation which would be sufficiently precise and yet differentiate between levels of culpability so as to produce a satisfactory demarcation between those accused of murder who should be entitled to resort to the defence of duress and those who were not.

The House was therefore faced with either departing altogether from the doctrine that duress was not available in murder or of departing from *Lynch*.

The justification for allowing a defence of duress to a charge of murder was that a defendant should be excused who killed as the only way of avoiding death himself or preventing the death of some close relation such as his own well-loved child.

That essentially had been the dilemma which *Dudley and Stevens* had faced and in denying their defence the court refused to allow that consideration to be used as a defence to murder. If that result was right in *Dudley and Stevens* it could not be wrong in the present appeals.

So far his Lordship had referred to duress as if it were a precisely defined concept but it was apparent from the authorities that it was not so, and to say that a defence in respect of which so many questions remained unsettled should be introduced in respect of the whole field of murder was not to produce certainty in the law.

It was worth noting that when the Law Commission had recommended that the defence be available in murder they had suggested a definition of duress which was considerably narrower than that generally thought to be available in the present law in respect of other offences.

In any event, Parliament, in its legislative capacity, had not taken any steps to make the defence of duress available generally to a charge of murder.

The house should decline to follow *Lynch*. His Lordship recognized that that decision left certain apparent anomalies in the law but he regarded those as consequences of the fact that murder was a result related crime with a mandatory penalty.

Differentiation in treatment once sentence had been pronounced depended upon action by the Crown advised by the executive Government

On the second certified question the reasoning of Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, below had been entirely correct. Where a person had been killed and that result was the result intended by another participant, the mere fact that the actual killer was only convicted of manslaughter for some reason special to himself did not result in a compulsory reduction for the other participant.

The third question should also be answered in the affirmative.

Lord Bridge and Lord Brandon delivered concurring speeches.

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City man to head Eurotunnel

The new British co-chairman of Eurotunnel will be named today, with at least two more non-executive directors, to help rescue the credibility of the troubled Anglo-French channel tunnel consortium.

It is understood the new top man comes from the City but also has a strong background in industry. A major institutional investor who knew his identity said yesterday the appointment was "reassuring". The appointments will be confirmed at a meeting of the full Eurotunnel board in Paris this afternoon.

Brazil seeks better terms

Brasilia (Reuter) — Government officials said Brazil was unable to meet payments at current levels on its $109 billion foreign debt and that *improved terms must be negotiated* with creditors.One official said the decline in the foreign trade surplus meant Brazil could not meet annual debt servicing charges of $12.5 billion.

Ward payout

Ward Holdings is paying a final dividend of 6.52p for the year to October 31, 1986, making a total of 8.27p against 7.25p last time. Turnover was £36.0 million, up from £27.4 million and pretax profit *£8.97 million*, up from £4.67 million. **Tempus, page 23**

In tomorrow's nine-page *Family Money*, we examine *whether it is possible to* invest your money overseas without a future Labour Chancellor being able to get his hands on it. Also, the story of a self-confessed Premium Bond fanatic and how to obtain a mortgage from a foreign bank. Plus, the best deals on summer holiday insurance and whether husbands and wives *should* opt for separate taxation.

Capital shares

Applications for shares in Capital Radio, the London commercial radio station, closed yesterday heavily oversubscribed. The basis of allocation will be announced today.

No referral

The proposed acquisitions by Siebe of Ranco and by Inchcape Overseas of *Gill and* Duffus Insurance Holdings will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Merger talks

Commonwealth Realty Trust says preliminary discussions have begun with representatives of Bay Financial Corporation, a property company, concerning a possible merger

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Volcker announces policy switch

Fed abandons key M1 target

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman *of the* US Federal Reserve Board, yesterday announced it was abandoning its key monetary target to give it the broadest possible flexibility in steering the economy through rising inflation and abrupt fluctuations in the dollar.

Mr Volcker said in his semi-annual monetary report to Congress that the board had taken the unprecedented decision to abandon the M1 monetary target to give itself the maximum leeway. Although existing targets for M0 and M3 were not being formally scrapped, Mr Volcker said they would not be used as the main guide to action.

Speaking on the eve of the Group of Five meeting, Mr Volcker said the US, and *indeed, the world,* faced the worst and potentially the best of economic times this year.

Referring to the enormous economic imbalances, he said this was not a national but an international problem, requiring an international solution. If such a solution could be reached, the world had an "unique opportunity to experience the longest expansion in post-war history.

"We have not had this chance in a long time. We are capable of blowing it."

The success of the Fed's new monetary policy rests on "good judgment and a degree of prescience. It is justified only by the fact that setting out a precise target and weighing it heavily in policy would run greater risks for the economy," Mr Volcker said.

At the same time, Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the powerful banking committee, which has oversight responsibility for the central bank, criticized it for adopting such a loose monetary policy over the past year that it has put the US on a path towards *1970s-style inflation.*

Senator Proxmire suggested Mr Volcker was circumventing a 1978 law requiring monetary targets.

The US Commerce Department also released new figures, that showed the economy grew much slower than expected in the final quarter of last year, at 1.3 per cent.

Earlier estimates by the government had put growth at 1.7 per cent but officials said a sharp $12 billion (£7.8 billion) adjustment in business inventories forced the downward revision.

For the year as a whole, the US economy grew by a modest 2.5 per cent, about the same level predicted for 1987 by Mr Volcker.

Mr Volcker acknowledged the central bank expected an increase in inflation this year as the price of imports and oil increased. But he described the rise as a "price bulge" due to temporary factors that need not lead to the roaring inflation of the 1970s.

"*Neither the internal nor* the external setting permits thinking of trading off more inflation for growth. Inflation would threaten the orderly inflow of funds from abroad."

But he indicated that the Fed faced possibly the most difficult period of his chairmanship this year in fine-tuning policy based on factors *other than unreliable* money measures.

The board will be guided on setting policy by movements in the dollar, growth in the economy and *interest* rates and price pressures.

Mr Volcker said strong economic activity accompanied by emerging price pressures *would force the* Fed to reduce M1 growth sharply, perhaps by an even lower figure than earlier targets with a low range of 3 per cent.

Money supply improves

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Sharply improved money supply figures were announced yesterday, fostering a mood of extreme interest rate optimism in the London *financial markets.*

The Bank of England acted to steady the market, and headed off an early reduction in base rates. But dealers think that rates will come down soon.

The narrow measure of the money supply, M0, fell by 0.5 per cent last month. Its growth over 12 months, of 4 per cent, *was in the middle of the* official 2 to 6 per cent target range.

Officials at the Bank of England cautioned against reading too much into the fall in the 12-month growth rate, from 5.2 per cent in December to 4 per cent last month. The figure, which is not seasonally adjusted, was affected by the number of Wednesdays last month, compared with a year ago.

Even so, the underlying rate of growth of M0, thought to be around 5 per cent, is within the target range. City economists had feared that M0 would break above 6 per cent and that this could represent an obstacle to lower base rates.

The broad measure of the money supply, sterling M3, which may be abandoned by the Chancellor in the Budget, rose by between 1 and 1.25 per cent last month. Its 12-month rate of growth fell from 18.1 per cent in December to 17.5 to 17.75 per cent last month. The official target range is 11 to 15 per cent.

The most encouraging aspect of the figures was that bank lending rose by a seasonally adjusted £1.8 billion, compared with £2.7 billion in December, and an average of £2.9 billion in the July-December period.

The improved money supply figures, coupled with the belief that the weekend meetings of the Groups of Five and Seven in Paris will be good for sterling, pushed money market interest rates down sharply and helped government bonds to strong gains. *The* tap, Treasury 9 per cent 2008, was exhausted.

But the Bank of England signalled that it was not *prepared for rates to fall yet.* It lent £275 million to the discount houses at a rate of 11.5 per cent, effectively putting a brake on a base rate cut until the end of next week.

● Official figures showed that fourth quarter capital spending by manufacturing, construction, distribution and finance was £4.58 billion, in 1980 prices, 1.3 per cent down on the third quarter figure of £4.64 billion, and 3.6 per cent down on a year earlier.

Manufacturing investment *fell from £1.63 billion* in the third quarter, to £1.56 billion in the fourth.

Sir Peter yesterday: seeking an end to share uncertainty

BP queries further share sell-off

By Ray Heath

A request for the the Government to indicate whether it had any intention of selling off more of its holding in British Petroleum, which now stands at 31.7 per cent, could come soon from the chairman Sir Peter Walters.

The uncertainty over any further reduction in the holding, which has dropped from above 50 per cent, is causing the company tactical problems. Sir Peter said yesterday while presenting the *company's results* for *last* year.

BP has its own financing to do, and wants to know whether it will be able to issue shares itself if necessary or whether further sales of Government-owned stock could be expected.

Sir Peter is hoping also that the Chancellor will introduce budget changes to Petroleum Revenue Tax so that it can be offset against development cost. Without a change, the development of the large Miller Field in the North Sea might be hindered, he said, given the current low price of oil.

The slump in the oil price last year slashed £962 million *off the value of BP's oil stocks* and the groups's profits slumped from £1.598 million to £817 million, although the dividend was increased by 1p to 35p.

Profits of BP Oil International, the downstream prouction division, were hurt in the last quarter of the year by earlier stocking up by *customers.*

In the United States the effect of the falling oil price sent profits of BP's Standard Oil offshoot crashing from £797 million to £125 million.

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'Misconduct' in bank operations denied by Khoo

From Catherine Ong, Singapore

Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Malaysian magnate, has maintained his innocence in the National Bank of Brunei scandal in his first public appearance before a gathering of large creditors in New York.

Almost three months since his eldest son was arrested by the Brunei government on criminal breach of trust charges and the bank closed down, Tan Sri Khoo denied any "misconduct" in the way it was run.

"I've never defaulted on a loan. I have never failed to uphold my financial obligations." Tan Sri Khoo told the meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan.

"It is my unshakable intention *to continue to fulfil all my* responsibilities. I will stand behind my companies. I will service my debt."

Excerpts of Tan Sri Khoo's speech were released in a Press statement by Shearson Lehman Brothers, his financial adviser, yesterday.

The meeting was attended by 30 bankers with exposure to NBB as well as other companies in the Khoo group. NBB owed about $210 million (£137 million) to 33 international banks that had placed interbank deposits there before its closure on November 20.

A proposal to resolve the bank's debt was presented at the meeting, organized by Shearson. A similar meeting is scheduled in Paris today.

Under the proposal, Tan Sri Khoo and his companies will take over all NBB's assets and liabilities, which would be repaid with interest through an escrow arrangement over a short but unspecified period of time.

As a first step, Tan Sri Khoo has indicated he would place shares in companies that own prime properties in Singapore into the escrow.

As his total unencumbered assets are not sufficient to pay *off the creditors, the plan also* requires the Brunei government to hand over some $350 million in assets and collateral for the escrow.

The banks are also expected to reschedule their loans, besides extending a new facility to repay Brunei $150 million (£46 million) to Brunei depositors and publicly-listed companies owned by Tan Sri Khoo with deposits frozen at NBB.

The Brunei Finance Ministry last week rejected the proposal, declaring it did not wish to be embroiled in negotiations with Tan Sri Khoo or his advisers.

Aspects of the proposal were unacceptable to ministry officials, including the idea that the Brunei government and Khoo pubicly-listed companies with deposits in NBB had priority over the banks in repayments.

But the ministry is not precluding the bankers from *developing a scheme* with Shearson and once agreement has been reached, it said it would review its position.

The Brunei government is sueing a string of Khoo-related companies in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and Hong Kong for $400 million in loans owed to NBB.

Shearson's proposal seeks a standstill on the civil suits, arguing that the publicity on court actions would drive down the value of its client's assets.

But, as of yesterday, Brunei officials said they had not decided on a delay or suspension in court actions.

At the meeting, Tan Sri Khoo said his proposal would be based on three principles: it would treat each category of creditors equitably; it would have to meet the test of "feasibility and commercial realism;" and it would have to be acceptable to the Brunei government as well as creditors.

"If it were possible to repay immediately the amounts owed by my companies to NBB — by liquidating or refinancing my assets — we would do so," he said. But he added it was not possible under the circumstances.

Tan Sri Khoo's son, Ban Hock, and four others now detained in Brunei's Jerudong Jail, are scheduled to appear in court again on February 28 where their remand order would be renewed.

Kleinwort share stake sold

By Richard Thomson,
Banking Correspondent

The potentially threatening 4.9 per cent stake in Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, the merchant *banking and securities* group, held by American Can has been sold to British and European institutions.

The stake, amounting to 4.3 million shares, was placed by Morgan Stanley, the New York securities house. The price is believed to have been 623p per share.

The stake, built up two years ago by Mr Gerry Tsai, the flamboyant head of the US company, has been regarded by the stockmarket as a possible threat to KBL. Although, it has remained just below five per cent, new provisions inserted by the government into the Banking Bill now going through Parliament have weakened the value of the *holding as an agressive stake.*

The provisions require any holder of five per cent or more of a British bank to notify the Bank of England which can require the shareholder to supply information to prove he is an appropriate person to hold shares. The Bank is also to be given powers to veto shareholdings in British banks *by people it does not consider* "fit and proper" if the holding rises to fifteen per cent.

System X agreement nears

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

GEC and Plessey are near to agreement on a closer collaboration between the two companies' System X digital exchange businesses.

This will include sharing research and development costs and marketing expenses, and an agreement on intellectual property rights.

Sir John Clark, the chairman and chief executive of Plessey, said yesterday that this was a logical progression but stressed that there was no joint venture commitment.

Rationalizing the System X activities was one of the main recommendations from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last August when it blocked GEC's proposed £1.2 billion takeover of Plessey.

Sir John was speaking after announcing an 8 per cent increase in pretax profits for the three months to December 26, on turnover which fell from £351.3 million to £337.9 *million. The results* failed to excite the market and the shares gained 1p to 210p.

Plessey said that the various understandings with GEC over System X would improve the engineering, marketing and administrative effectiveness of the business.

In the first nine months of the current year, pretax profits at Plessey increased from £112.1 million to £132.5 million on sales up from £1.008 million to £1025 million.

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Heywood agrees to £21m deal

Heywood Williams, the acquisitive glass and window specialist, has agreed a £21 million merger with Thermax Group.

Substantial shareholders accounting for 43 per cent of Thermax shares, including the Suter group with 27 per cent, *have given irrevocable acceptances.*

Thermax directors are recommending the offer.

The acquisition of Thermax adds a new dimension — silk-screened decorative glass products — to Heywood's UK safety glass businesses.

Terms of the offer are 17 new Heywood convertible *preference* shares for every 10 Thermax shares.

Scrimgeour Vickers, Heywood's brokers, say the new stock is worth 107p per share. On that basis, the offer values each *Thermax share at* 182p. There is a cash alternative of 170p per share.

Guinness shake-up for spirits division

By Our City Staff

Guinness yesterday announced the details of its reorganization of the vitally important spirits division, the big profit source of the drinks and leisure group.

The company's spirits division comes within the Guinness Beverage Group *which includes the company's* brewing interests and is headed by Mr Vic Steele, a main board director.

Significantly, theappointments highlight the position of Mr James Espey — who was recruited last year from Grand Metropolitan and worked closely with Mr Anthony Tennant, who is joining Guinness from Grand Met as chief executive.

Mr Tennant said: "Iam aware of the reorganization, but Vic Steele devised it."

Recent estimates say that *spirits account for 50 per cent* of turnover and 75 per cent of the profit of Guinness.

The geographical reorganization of the spirits division was announced last year. This involves closing six Distillers central London offices, concentrating the sales and marketing of Distillers and Bells brands internationally from one London office.

The British operations will be carried out from Perth.

"Our objective is to establish a fully co-ordinated business structure with clear worldwide marketing strategies," the publicity-shy Mr Steele said.

"The combination of this new organization with our formidable portfolio of premium brands will enable us to compete effectively in world markets and achieve long-term growth in financial performance."

Mr Espey worked for 16 years at *IDV — the highly* successful international drinks subsidiary of Grand Met

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2235.80 (-1.83)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	20228.09 (+346.33)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2775.82 (-25.66)
Amsterdam: Gen	263.2 (+0.7)
Sydney: AO	1589.6 (+10.8)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1735.9 (+27.6)
Brussels:	
General	4172.13 (-8.44)
Paris: CAC	415.1 (-0.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen	539.80 (+0.20)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	87.07 (+0.33)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Travis & Arnold	284p (+13p)
Ward Holdings	435p (+37p)
Garfunkels	206p (+14p)
Park Food	240p (+19p)
Moss Bros.	670p (+50p)
Halite	260p (+27p)
Glaxo	1430p (+17p)
Assoc. Brit. Port	474p (+14p)
Laing Props.	379p (+16p)
Pepe Group	228p (+20p)
FALLS:	
Nat. West. Bank	618p (-16p)
Royal Insurance	984p (-13p)
Yorkshire TV	224p (-17p)
Avana Group	719p (-16p)
Argyll Group	372p (-18p)
Tesco	441p (-19p)
BAT Inds.	542p (-17p)
London Intnl.	339p (-22p)
Wellcome	401p (-19p)
Vickers	501p (-12p)

Prices are as at 4pm

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3-month Treasury Bills 5.56-5.55%*
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1,500 likely to lose all at share shops

Bleak for CIC creditors

By Lawrence Lever

About 1,500 unsecured creditors of City Investment Centres, the licensed dealer which operated two "share shops" in London, will learn this morning that they are likely to get little or none of their money back.

Many will have lost money *on attempts to buy or sell* shares in privatization issues such as British Telecom, Cable and Wireless and Britoil. The share shops themselves operated under a licence from the Government — issued by the Department of Trade and Industry — and were closed only last November even though complaints about their parent, the Ravendale Group, have appeared in the Press and Parliament *for* years.

Investors who have bought shares through the share *shops but* have *not* received share certificates or registered as shareholders on the company's register come underthe unfortunate category of unsecured creditors, CIC's provisional liquidator said yesterday.

Those who have not been paid for shares which they sold through the share shops are in the same position.

Mr Bill Ratford, special *manager of CIC, said that* he has received about 1,500 letters, mainly from people who are unsecured creditors of the company.

CIC, was formally wound up by the DTI last December. It acted as a principal offering investors the chance to buy and sell at net prices — without paying commission.

The Ravendale Group of companies was run by Mr Chander Singh, the controversial businessman. When the share shops were closed down *Mr Singh* was *reported* as saying that all CIC clients would be paid in full.

His first share shop, in Finchley Road, London, was launched on the back of the government's privatization drive.

Some investors — like Mr Anthony Gibbs, a teacher — bought other shares through the share shop, after dabbling successfully in privatization.

Mr Gibbs bought 100 shares in each of Morgan Grenfell and Midland Bank through CIC for an outlay of £1,031 last July. He never received the share certificates and has been told by the companies' registrars that his name is not on the register of shareholders.

Mr Ratford said that most of the people who had written to him had claims of less than £1,000.

A spokesman for the DTI said that he did not know the *total deficiency on* CIC *and* that the information would not be released before the creditors' meeting.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Polypipe's interim profits leap by 85%

Polypipe, the rapidly growing manufacturer of plastic plumbing, pushed profits 85 per cent higher in the half year to December 31. On sales 49 per cent higher at £11.4 million, Polypipe reported pretax profits of £1.62 million.

Turnover of the companies acquired last year was included but the profit contribution, which is expected to make an impact in the last quarter of the current year, was insignificant. Margins improved due to tighter cost controls and strategic pricing decisions. Earnings per share rose by 87 per cent to 4.05p. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 1.02p per share net, 85 per cent higher than last year.

The chairman, Mr Kevin McDonald, said that the board expects a satisfactory outlook for the current year and beyond.

Go-ahead for Argyll buy

Argyll Group, the supermarket chain headed by Mr James Gulliver (right), has cleared the way to its £680 million purchase of the Safeway group's 132 British supermarkets, expected to be completed today. At an extraordinary meeting, shareholders approved the issue of 194 million Argyll shares to finance the deal, which will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Argyll has sold its US drinks manufacturing and distribution business, Barton Brands.

Tax plea by distillers

The Scotch whisky industry's fragile recovery could do with a dash of relief on corporation tax and the swingeing excise duty, whisky distillers said yesterday. Corporation tax reaches an effective rate of as much as 50 per cent of gross profits for makers of the highest quality whiskies, and 45 per cent for the rest, the Scotch Whisky Association told the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, in its pre-Budget representations. The reason is the long maturation time for whisky — a minimum of three years — which means that sales of stocks are taxed without taking into account the higher cost of stock replacement, caused by inflation, the association says. It wants a "maturation allowance" to ease the burden. It also calls for a new system of excise duty, tied to alcoholic strength, with all alcoholic drinks of the same strength taxed at the same rate.

Co-operation on oil urged

The fall in oil prices means Britain and Norway must co-operate and look beyond domestic markets to safeguard their oil industries' future, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State at the Department of Energy, said yesterday. The projects conducted by British and Norwegian groups — on which £1 million has been allocated for the first year — were vital for seizing third export markets, he told a London conference

Crisp reply to oil tax plan

British manufacturers of snack nuts and crisps are angry at an EEC proposal to tax vegetable oils and fats. The British industry uses about 90,000 tonnes of vegetable oils a year, and the average price of potato crisps will go up by a penny a bag if the measure goes ahead, the Snack Nut and Crisp Manufacturers' Association, said yesterday. Members include Golden Wonder, KP Foods, Smith's and Walker's.

Abaco shows 14-fold increase in profits

Abaco, the financial services group, has shown a 14-fold profit increase — from £151,000 to £2,130,000 — in the six months to end-December after last year's hectic acquisition activity. The company, backed by British & Commonwealth and Standard Chartered Bank, turned over £17,106,000 in fees, commissions, property sales and investments compared with £3,300,000 in the year-earlier period, and £16,803,000 in the year to end-June 1986 when its profits totalled £1,341,000. Yesterday's results reflected the expansion in Abaco's fee-earning interests — including estate agents and mortgage portfolio management. Income from fees and commissions rose to £15,925,000 from £1,437,000 in the first half of 1985, compared with £4,586,000 for the whole of 1985/86 when £11,616,000 of turnover came from sales of properties and investments. Earnings per share in the first six months were 0.88p, against 0.16p in the previous first half and 1.03p for the year. The interim dividend doubled from 0.05p per share to 0.10p. Abaco shares eased 2½p to 63½p.

STOCK MARKET

Shakeout turns into a rout but the damage is limited

By Michael Clark

The shakeout in share prices that many dealers had been bracing themselves for finally materialized yesterday and almost turned into a rout as investors rushed to take some of the huge profits they had accrued over the past couple of weeks.

Double-figure losses were reported among many of the alpha stocks which have enjoyed such a good run. The losses were widespread and enabled some of the market-makers to take on much needed stock and balance their books.

But after drifting for most of the day, the appearance of a few cheaper buyers after hours enabled prices to close above their worst levels of the day.

The FT 30 share index having been 21.1 down at 3pm eventually closed 13.2 down at 1,541.8. The broader FT-SE 100 share index also recovered some of its composure, finishing 21.9 down at 1,930.1 after a deficit of 34.8 earlier in the day.

The 50-point turnround in the FT-SE index served to underline the volatility of the marketplace. But dealers, leaving their offices early last night to attend the annual investment analysts' dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel, expressed satisfaction with the market's performance.

Many observers described yesterday's show as a correction and expected the market to go better again in the run-up to the Budget.

Government securities still drawing strength from the buoyant economy and the prospect a "giveaway Budget" scored gains of up to £1 at the longer end.

It has been an action-packed week for Moss Bros, the formal wear hire group, whose shares leapt a further 50p yesterday to a new peak of 670p — for a two-day rise of 90p.

On Monday, the group announced the resignation of Mr Manny Silverman, its chief executive, who joined the company more than 40 years ago as an apprentice tailor. He had been the driving force behind the group's redevelopment of its Covent Garden headquarters.

Ironically, the group received final planning permission for the site on Wednesday — just two days after Mr Silverman's surprise departure. The redevelopment of the Covent Garden site is crucial to Moss Bros' future strategy and could eventually lead to a complete restructuring of its financial base.

Back in September, the group reported an increase in pretax profits of 10 per cent to £348,000, but some dealers fear that the full year figures, due out in April, may make gloomy reading with the group struggling to beat the £1.2 million profit earned in 1986.

Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar producer, was a weak market falling 14p to 710p, after 705p. The group is still awaiting the outcome of the Monopolies Commission's reference on its bid for S&W **Berisford**, the commodity trader and food group, 3p down at 266p. The market takes the view that the bid will be blocked along with a similar offer from Groupo Ferruzzi, the Italian food combine. Ferruzzi has also reached agreement to pay £420 million for a 70 per cent stake in Berisford's British Sugar subsidiary.

Hopes that Tate & Lyle's new artificial sweetner, Sucrose, will be contributing about £20 million a year to profits by 1990 may also be looking a little optimistic. There is talk in the market that Tate is anxious to play down Sucrose's impact on its prospects. It is apparently taking the view that 1990 is still some way off and a lot can happen in the meantime.

Avana, currently fighting off an unwanted £260 million bid from rival **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, ran into profit-taking losing 15p at 720p. The price has been a firm market all week with institutions taking the view that there is still plenty of leeway. Most of them are working on the basis of RHM being forced to increase its offer, or a white knight appearing from the sidelines.

Northern Engineering Industries and its biggest independent shareholder, the US-based Combustion Engineering Inc, have decided to part company. CEI has placed its entire holding of 18.19 million shares, or 8.3 per cent of the total share capital, with various institutions at the 77p level — just 3p above the year's low.

Shares of **Thermax**, the USM-quoted toughened glass manufacturer, returned from suspension 1p cheaper at 174p after announcing terms of an agreed £21.2 million bid from Heywood Williams. Heywood is offering 17 convertible redeemable preference shares for every 10 Thermax shares. There is a cash alternative of 170p a share. Thermax closed 2p lower at 173p

The big four clearing banks ran into heavy profit-taking, but the appearance of a few cheap buyers after hours enabled prices to close above their worst levels of the day. Next week sees the start of the dividend reporting season.

National Westminster kicks off with figures on Tuesday. These are expected to show pretax profits topping £1 billion for the first time. NatWest fell 14p to 620p, after 615p. **Barclays** also lost out with a fall of 3p to 566p, after 562p, followed by **Lloyds** 14p to 505p, after 502p, and **Midland** 15p to 649p.

Elsewhere in the financial sector, profit-taking took its toll of the big composite insurers, whose reporting season also gets under way soon.

There were losses at **General Accident** 14p to 965p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 9p to 910p, **Royal Insurance** 17p to 980p and **Sun Alliance** 25p to 764p. **Commercial Union**, again being tipped as a takeover favourite earlier this week, lost ground closing 8p lower at 342p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange closed sharply higher yesterday on reports that the Group of Five industrialized countries will meet this weekend in Paris, according to brokers. The Commerzbank index surged 46.6 points to 1,753.9.

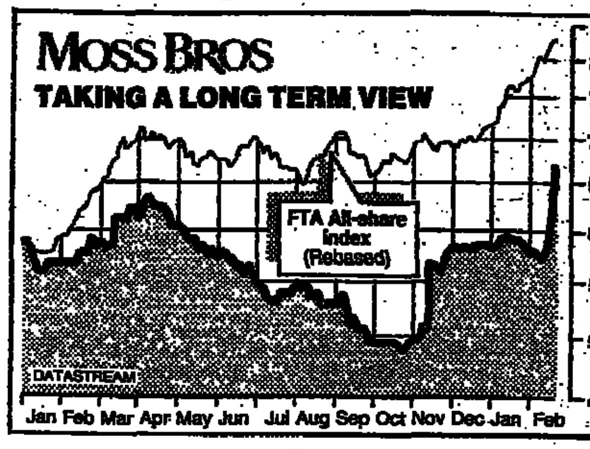
Investors were encouraged by the news because a successful accord is likely to stabilize the dollar and improve the earning prospects of West German exporters.

● **HONG KONG:** Most share prices fell on Hong Kong's stock market in what brokers described as a technical consolidation of recent advances. The Hang Seng index eased 25.66 points to 2775.82, ending a three-day run of all-time highs.

The index had opened on a weaker note, managed a modest recovery at midday and drifted lower again the afternoon. Turnover amounted to HK$1.04 billion, down fairly steeply from HK$1.50 billion on Wednesday.

● **TOKYO:** Share prices rose sharply on very heavy volume yesterday reaching a new high as financial, electrical and construction stocks rallied on reports of a weekend meeting of the Group of Five countries and a related cut in Japan's discount rate.

The Nikkei Dow Jones index, which climbed 243.83 points on Wednesday, soared 346.33 points to close at 20,228.09. The close surpassed the previous record, of 20,072.09, set on February 2.



● **The market's love affair with Pilkington Brothers following its succesful defence against BTR continues. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, found little difficulty in placing a line of 4.25 million Pilkington shares with various institutions yesterday at 715p. The price finished 3p easier at 720p.**

● **Ratners' tour of brokers offices this week is paying dividends. The price rose 5p to a peak of 300p yesterday after James Capel, the broker, upgraded profits for the current year by £4 million to £48 million. Other meetings are now planned with Hoare Govett and Cazenove.**

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	16,000	Gen Accident	497	Rank Hovis	1,100
Amstrad	5,600	GEC	7,200	Reckitt Colman	197
ASDA-MFI	2,900	Glaxo	3,300	Redland	1,200
Ass Br Foods	392	Granada	2,400	Reed Int	2,100
BET	303	Grand Met	3,000	Reuters	1,500
BTR	2,300	GUS 'A	274	RTZ	3,500
BAT	5,300	GRE	321	Rowntree	2,300
Barclays	1,800	GKN	1,600	Royal Ins	960
Bass	627	Guinness	9,100	Saatchi	834
Beecham	2,800	Hanson	17,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,200
Blue Circle	725	Hawker Siddeley	430	Scot Newell	1,000
BOC	4,200	Hillsdown	5,900	Sears	19,000
Boots	5,260	Imp Chem Ind	1,800	Sedgwick Gp	1,800
BPB Ind	853	Imp Cont Gas	3,600	Shell	5,100
Br Aerospace	2,200	Jaguar	1,800	Smith & Nephew	3,900
Br Gas	23,000	Ladbroke	686	STC	3,200
Br Petroleum	8,300	Land Securities	1,500	Stan Chart	175
Br Telecom	16,000	Legal & Gen	1,000	Storehouse	1,500
Britoil	10,000	Lloyds	1,600	Sun Alliance	1,800
Burton	4,300	Lonrho	2,700	Tarmac	3,000
Cable & Wireless	4,900	Marks & Spencer	3,500	TSB P/P	4,500
Cadbury Schwep	4,800	Midland	1,900	Tesco	2,600
Coats Viyella	464	Nat West	2,800	Thorn EMI	1,500
Com Union	17,000	P & O Dfrd	1,000	Trafalgar House	2,500
Cons Goldfields	968	Pearson	456	Trusthouse Forte	5,500
Cookson Gp	309	Pilkington Bros	15,000	Unilever	544
Courtaulds	1,300	Plessey	12,000	Utd Biscuits	2,700
Dee Corp	2,300	Prudential	288	Wellcome	9,300
Dixons Gp	5,500	Racal Elect	6,600	Whitbread 'A'	1,100
Fisons	1,400	Rank Org	487	Woolworth	933

250 jobs planned for Ulster

From Robert Rodwell Belfast

Up to 250 extra workers are to be recruited for GEC's heavy turbine plant at Larne, Co Antrim, under a £20 million modernization and development plan, announced yesterday.

The project links to the public inquiry decision allowing the construction of the Sizewell B nuclear power plant in Suffolk.

GEC has the design contract for the Sizewell B turbo-generator but there will be no production order until the Government gives the project the go-ahead.

GEC is buying the freehold of the 500,000 square foot Larne factory which it has on lease from the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board. It is to install equipment to meet the technical demands of the latest turbo-generators, said Mr Harry Andrews, the general manager.

Retraining of Larne workers will begin immediately and 100 recruits are expected to join the present workforce of 550 over the next year.

When the Sizewell orders are placed, another 150 jobs should become available.

"We have not had a major order from the CEGB for 10 years and Sizewell B, if it goes ahead, will mean about 1,000 man-years of work for this factory," Mr Andrews said.

The Larne factory makes feedheating and condensing equipment as part of an integrated business with three other GEC turbo-generator plants in England — Trafford Park in Manchester, Stafford and Rugby.

The group's big contract at present is for the Daia Bay nuclear power station on the coast of mainland China, opposite Hong Kong. At £750 million, it was the largest export order ever won in China by a British firm.

The new investment at Larne, including purchase of the freehold, demonstrated GEC's commitment to Northern Ireland and was a tribute to the quality of engineering skills to be found in the province, Mr Andrews said.

APPOINTMENTS

Dewe Rogerson: Mr **Michael Henman** and Miss **Cathy Walker** join the board. Mr **Maurice Colton** and Mr **Michael Walsh** become directors, investor and corporate relations division.

PPP Medical Centres: Dr **Harry McNeilly** succeeds Sir **Richard Bayliss** as chairman and chief executive.

Instron/Instron International: Mr **John Gorrie** joins the board.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group: Mr **David Valentine** has been appointed executive director, private banking.

Boots new store takes a big step for children

By Anne Warden

Children's world: Alan Ripley with Richard Griffiths, aged 4

The infant Boots that today opens its red, yellow and blue doors is a shock to anyone used to its high street parent.

The enormous Children's World store at Dudley in the Black Country, with a tower of bright building blocks at its entrance, is the first step in a £100 million programme to take the British retail and pharmaceutical group into the fiercely competitive edge-of-town shopping field. It expects eventually to have 40 such superstores.

The pioneering store's blue-frameworked ceiling is papered with kites, with 30,000 sq ft of canopied stands below, holding everything from children's shoes to tiny sweatshirts, maternity clothes, a hairdressing salon, restaurant, toys and bedroom furniture.

The new subsidiary's management team of 50 comes mainly from groups such as Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury, who make up the other out-of-town rival element, as well as BHS and Mothercare.

It is led, however, by a Boots man, Mr Alan Ripley, the group's former director of warehousing and distribution, who sees the carving out of his market not as the fight some might think it to be, but as "a cherry-picking exercise."

Other stores, including the eight British outlets of the American Toys 'R' Us group, cover only parts of what the new-look Boots has to offer, Mr Ripley contends. He says that parents with children aged up to 10 or so can find everything they need without the long and tearful trail around the high streets.

Even in the depressed West Midlands, where unemployment hovers at about 20 per cent, people can hardly stop spending on the kids. Whether they will spend enough to justify the £2 million Boots plans to spend in the first year of the project, and the fast pace of proposed new openings, remains to be seen.

The fitting-out of the first store has cost £1 million. Others will follow next month, while stores at Cricklewood, North London and Leicester, are planned for April. The aim is to reach profitability in the second year.

The venture is the most dramatic new direction yet taken by Boots, which has raised City eyebrows in the past year with acquisitions in pharmaceuticals and the optical sector.

Some City analysts have been severely critical of what was considered the expensive purchase of Flint, the American pharmaceutical company, for $555 million (£365 million), and judgment has still to be delivered on the expansion into the optical market.

Boots, which raised its pretax profits to £97.5 million in the six months to the end of September last year — an increase of 14.8 per cent — is funding the Children's World project from what it says are its own liquid resources and denies the project is a departure from its familiar range.

COMPANY NEWS

● **SLOUGH ESTATES:** The company has acquired a site at Nanterre, on the western perimeter of Paris, for a high-tech facility of some 67,000 sq ft. The project is being undertaken in partnership with Capital and Continental. On one of its other sites, at Denis, Slough has sold a building to Midlandpierre, a property fund managed by Midland Bank. The building is let to Paris Mutuelle, which is using it as a computer centre.

● **WATERFORD GLASS GROUP:** The company has sold Smiths Self Motoring, the car leasing company, to the Smith Group, owned by Mr Bill Cullen, for an undisclosed sum. Under the agreement, the Smith Group repaid to Waterford an Ir£1.9 million loan made to Smiths Self Motoring.

● **GTE CORPN:** GTE Finance Corporation is selling bonds with an 8 per cent annual interest rate in Japan through an underwritten public offering of $100 million.

● **BENNETT & FOUNTAIN GROUP:** The company has acquired FA Page. The payment is to be satisfied by £50,000 cash and an issue of 300,000 ordinary shares. In the year to April 30 1986, Page made pretax profits of £21,000 and had net assets of £132,000. Page operates three retail outlets in and around Ipswich and will be integrated into BB Adams, part of the company's retail division, based in Norfolk.

● **ABINGWORTH:** Results for the six months to December 31. Dividends and interest received £207,899 (£389,233). External management fee income £147,942 (£122,501). Income of dealing subsidiaries, excluding dividends and interest £76,656 (£89,658). Total income £432,497 (£601,392). Administration expenses £367,463 (£382,097). Pretax profit £65,034 (£219,295). Tax £29,508 (£87,199). Net asset value 306p (281p). Earnings per share 0.17p (0.65p).

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● **BANK LEUMI (UK):** Final dividend 8.5p, making 12.4p (11.2p) for 1986. Figures in £000s. Shareholders' funds and subordinated loans 24,356 (23,191). Total assets 411,734 (390,089). The bank again proposes to offer shareholders the right to elect cash or fully paid ordinary shares in respect of the final dividend.

● **BRITANNIA SECURITIES GROUP ACQUISITION:** The company has completed the acquisition of Sovereign Security Systems for £10.300 cash and the issue of 40,402 new shares.

● **PACIFIC ASSETS TRUST:** Dividend 0.77p (0.70p) for the year to January 31. Figures in £000s. Investment income 516 (267). Deposit interest 20 (109). Underwriting commission 6 (7). Interest and expenses 269 (217). Pretax profit 273 (166). Tax 113 (67). Earnings per share 1.33p (0.83p). Net asset value per share 136.72p (87.12p). Dividend payable April 24.

● **ROMNEY TRUST:** Final dividend 3.35p (3.35p), making 5p (5p) for 1986. Figures in £000s. Dividends and interest received 2,570 (3,802). Underwriting commission 104 (63). Profit before tax 1,709 (3,001). Tax 571 (1,098). Earnings per share 3.85p (6.53p). Net asset value at December 31, assuming full conversion of convertible loan stock and allowing for payment of final dividend was 444.0p (341.8p).

WALL STREET

Setback for Dow in early trading

New York (Agencies) — Wall Street shares were mixed in early trading yesterday.

Foreign buying which boosted US stocks earlier in the week appeared to taper off. Some traders apparently felt the dollar might stabilize as a result of a Group of Seven finance ministers' meeting expected to take place on Sunday.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1.13 to 2,236.50 by mid-morning when the transport indicator was up 2.18 to 955.18 and the utilities average 0.17 higher at 221.50.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index was down about 0.05 to 285.47 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index slipped about 0.13 to 162.69.

● **Crude oil futures prices eased shortly after opening steady on the New York Mercantile Exchange.**

West Texas intermediate for March delivery started unchanged but quickly skidded to $17.32 a barrel or eight cents below its Wednesday close, while April crude opened unchanged and slipped seven cents below Wednesday to $17.22 a barrel.

Brokers said light local buying was overwhelmed by trade-related selling in crude futures. "Trade wants to sell apparently to get out of long positions accumulated earlier," said one broker.

	Feb 18	Feb 17
AMR Cp	59%	59%
ASA	39%	40%
Aetna Life	64	63%
Allied Signal	46%	46%
Allis Chalm	3%	3%
Alcoa	43%	45
Amax Inc	18	18%
AMR Hess	28%	28%
Am Brands	51	51
Am Can	104%	101%
Am Cynmd	94%	93%
Am Ele Pwr	29%	29%
Amex	70%	70%
Am Home	85%	84%
Am Motors	3%	3%
Am Stand	48%	47%
Am Telph	23%	23%
Amoco Cp	73%	74%
Armco Steel	8%	8%
Asarco Inc	19%	19%
Ashland Oil	64%	63%
Atl Richfld	69	69%
Avon Prod	30%	30%
Bk Boston	33%	31%
Bank NY	40%	41
Bankamer	12%	12%
Bkrs Tst NY	50%	49%
Beth Steel	9%	9
Boeing	51%	50%
Boise Casc	79	79%
Borden	58	57%
Borg Warnr	40%	40%
Brist Myer	99%	101
BP	46%	47%
Brunswick	43%	42%
Burl Ind	46%	46%
Burl Nth	66%	66%
CBS	160%	162%
CPC Int	46	46
Cmpbell Sp	61%	60%
Can Pacific	17%	17%
Caterpillar	47%	48%
Celanese	244	243%
Centrl SW	35%	35%
Champion	38	38%
Chase Man	41	39%
Chem NY	48%	47%
Chevron	50%	51%
Chrysler	49%	48%
Citicorp	57%	55%
Clark Eq	24%	25
Coca Cola	45%	44%
Colgate	46%	46%
Columb Gas	49%	49%
Cmb'tn Eng	39%	39%
Cmwlth Edi	37	36%
Cons Edis	46%	46%
Cn Nat Gas	37%	38%
Cons Pwr	17%	17%
Cont Data	30	30%
Corning Gl	59%	57%
Crane	45%	46%
Curtiss Wrt	58	58%
Data Genl	37%	37%
Deere Co	29%	31
Delta Air	65%	66%
Detroit Ed	18%	18%
Digital Eq	155	155%
Disney	58%	59%
Dow Chem	76%	75
Dresser Ind	27%	26%
Dupont	104%	104%
Duke Pwr	47%	47%
East Kodak	80%	79%
Eaton Cp	85	84
Emerson El	106	104%
Emery Air	12%	12%
Exxon	82%	82%
Fed Dpt Sts	90%	89%

	Feb 18	Feb 17
Firestone	34%	34%
Fst Chicago	32%	32%
Fst Int Bncp	57%	56%
Fst Penn C	10%	10%
FT Wachva	42%	42%
Ford Motor	78%	78%
GAF Cp	44	42%
GTE Cp	41%	41%
Gen Cp	76%	75%
Gn Dynam	74	74%
Gen Elect	102%	103%
Gen Inst	26%	26%
Gen Mills	50	50%
Gen Motors	77%	77%
Gen Pub Ut	26	25%
Genesco	4%	4%
Georgia Pac	47%	47
Gillette	63%	69%
Goodrich	53	52
Goodyear	55%	54%
Gould Inc	20	19%
Grace Cp	55%	56
Grt Atl Pac	29%	28%
Greyhnd	35%	35%
Gruman	30%	30%
Gulf & West	75%	75%
Heinz	46%	46%
Hercules	63	62%
Hewlet Pk	56%	58%
Honeywell	69	68%
IC Ind	29%	30%
ITT Cp	63	63%
INCO	16	15%
Ingersoll	79	78
Inland Steel	26	26
IBM	137%	138%
Int Paper	95%	96
Irving Bk	51%	51
Jhsn & Jhsn	87	86%
K Mart Cp	54%	54%
Kaiser Alum	17%	18%
Kerr McGee	31%	32%
Kimbl Clark	111%	112%
Kroger	32%	32%
LTV Cp	2%	2%
Litton	84	83%
Lockheed	53%	53%
Lucky Str	28%	28%
Man H'nver	48	47%
Manville	1%	2
Mapco	60%	60%
Marine Mid	53%	53%
Mt Marrieta	46	45%
Masco	36	34%
Mcdonalds	73	71%
McDonnell	77%	76%
Mead Cp	66%	68%
Merck	141%	144%
Minsta Mng	132%	132%
Mobil	44%	44%
Monsanto	79	78%
Morgan Jp	47%	45%
Motorola	50%	50%
NCR	62%	62
NL Indstrs	6%	6%
Nat Distill	59%	58%
Nat Med Ent	25%	25%
Nat Semi	15%	15%
Norfolk Sth	94%	93%
NW Bancrp	40%	40%
Occid Petl	32%	34
Ogden Cp	53	51%
Olin Cp	48%	48
Owens Ill	59%	59%
PPG Ind	87%	85½
Pac Gas El	26%	26%
Pan Am	5%	5%
Penney JC	89%	88%
Pennzoil	76%	80%

	Feb 18	Feb 17
Pepsico	31%	32%
Pfizer	74%	76%
Phelps Dod	29	28%
Philip Mor	89	88%
Philip Ptrl	13	13%
Polaroid	83	81½
Proct Gble	88%	88%
Pub Svc Eg	41%	41
Raytheon	79%	78%
Rynlds Met	54	54
Rockwell Int	57%	56%
Royal Dutch	104%	105%
SFE Sopac	33%	33%
Sara Lee	41%	43%
Schlumb	39	39%
Scott Pap	78%	78
Seagram	69%	69%
Sears Roeb	49%	49
Shell Trans	65%	65%
Singer	45%	45%
Smthkln Bk	108%	107%
Sony Cp	22%	20%
Sth Cal Edi	35%	35%
SW Bell	114	112%
Std Oil	58%	58%
Sterl Drug	52	51%
Stevens JP	44	43%
Sun Cmp	60%	61%
TRW Inc	109%	108%
Teledyne	323%	321½
Tenneco	45%	44%
Texaco	33%	33%
Tex Eastn	34%	34½
Tex Inst	159%	157%
Tex Util	34%	34%
Textron	66%	65%
Travelers	51%	51%
UAL Inc	58%	59%
USG	38%	39%
USX Cp	24%	24½
Unilever NV	244%	246½
Un Carbide	26%	26%
Un Pac Cp	76%	76%
Unisys Cp	111%	107½
Utd Brands	48	47%
Utd Tech	52½	52%
Unocal	30%	31%
Walter Jim	54%	54
Warn Lamb	69%	69%
Wells Far	53%	55%
Westg El	64%	63%
Weyerhsr	48%	49%
Whirlpool	38%	38%
Woolworth	46	45%
Xerox Cp	73%	72½
Zenith	23%	22%

CANADIAN PRICES

	Feb 18	Feb 17
Agnico Eag	28%	29
Alcn Alum	50%	51%
Algoma Stl	10%	10%
Can Pacific	23%	23%
Cominco	16%	15%
Con Bathrst	36	35%
Hkr Sid Can	26%	26%
Hdsn B Min	25%	25%
Imasco	35	36
Imperial Oil	58	57%
In Pipe	45	45
Ryl Trustco	32%	32%
Seagram	91%	92
Steel Co	22%	22½
Thmsn N 'A'	33%	32%
Varity Corp	3.60	3.70
WCT	15	14%
Weston	36	36

Record results for the first half-year.

- Pre-tax profit up 20%
  £42.6m (1985–£35·6m)
- Earnings per share up 15%
  13·0p (11·3p)
- Dividend up 9%
  6·0p (5·5p)

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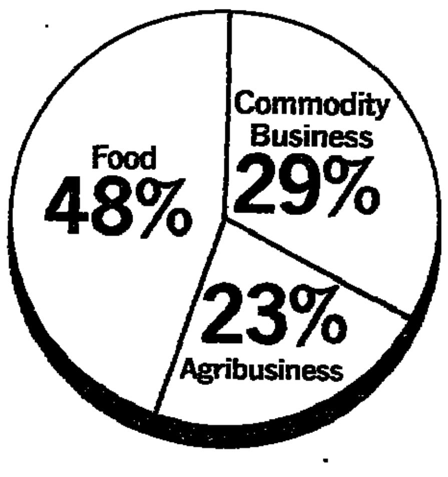

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Poaching small game

Five members of the respected smaller companies team at stockbroker Capel-Cure Myers — three analysts, one salesman and a trainee — have resigned. They are all leaving to join rival firm Wood Mackenzie. Another Capel-Cure salesman is expected to hand in his notice today and a former partner of the firm is also understood to be contemplating the move. The partner, who has not yet been named, signed a contract with Capel-Cure's new parent, ANZ Banking Group, in 1985 which precludes him from working for a rival firm before May 1988. The three departing analysts are Penny Freer, Simon Goodfellow and Sarah Mellor. Their recruitment is seen as a major coup for Wood Mac which has not, hitherto, been renowned for its smaller companies research. Andrew Beeson, institutional sales director at CCM, denied that his corporate finance specialists were also being poached. "Wood Mackenzie tried but failed to persuade them," he says.

"I think there's more of a chance of a job with Eurotunnel, to be honest."

Share revival

Aids terror is gripping Japan, I'm told, even though there have been only 16 deaths there from the disease so far. On the Tokyo stock market, two shares have been gripped by the fever. One, called Nikatsu, makes blue movies, and the other, Okamoto Gomu, manufactures rubber goods. Investors in Okamoto seem to have overlooked the fact that most of its turnover comes from wellies and washing-up gloves — only 10 per cent is from condoms. Analysts calculate that Japanese couples will have to make love 3.3 times a day in order to justify its present share rating.

Trust Hanson

Lord Hanson will be running Hanson Trust until he is 70 — and that is official. Speaking to institutional fund managers at a presentation in Ironmongers Hall the other night — in what was his first public reference to his eventual retirement — the eloquent Yorkshireman said both he and Sir Gordon White had agreed to carry on "in a full-time executive capacity" for at least another five years. Hanson celebrated his 65th birthday last month and White is only one year younger.

Transatlantic

Queasier stomachs at brokers Scrimgeour Vickers were not wild about the idea of a boat to ferry them across the Thames between offices in Billingsgate and in Cottons, a new development near London Bridge on the south side of the river. Their new masters, the giant American Citicorp, were not impressed. "Don't think of it as a boat," they said, "think of it as a horizontal elevator."

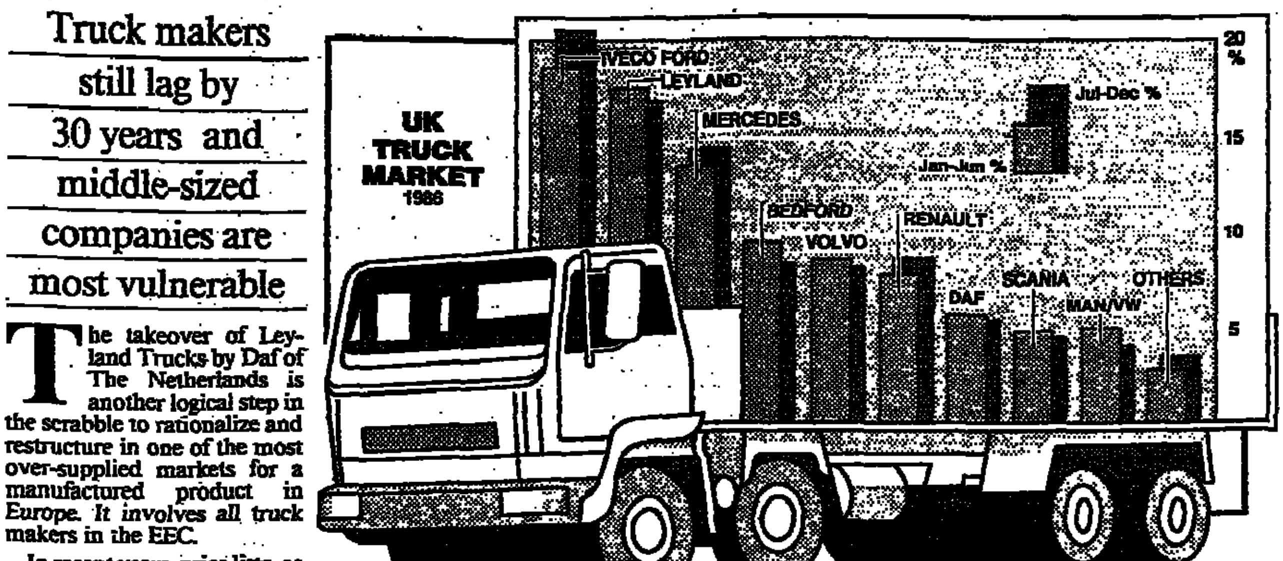
Home à Court

Restoration work will finally start on Robert Holmes à Court's new London home next month — five months after the Australian tycoon bought it for £8 million on a 90-year Crown lease. Since he bought Nuffield Lodge, a Grade I listed, white stucco building standing in 4½ acres in Regents Park, staff at Bentray Investments, the property investment division of his Bell Group master company, have been engrossed in lengthy negotiations with architects, Crown agents and worthy bodies like the English Heritage Trust. "The tenders are due back next Friday and work should start in March," says Bill Michael, deputy chairman of Bentray. The restoration work is expected to take at least a year and will cost more than £1 million. A series of allegoric murals by the portrait painter Figismund Goetze has already been uncovered. When finished, the 19th century house will revert to its original name, Grove House, and will boast seven bedrooms, all with ensuite bathrooms, five reception rooms and two kitchens — one in the basement to be used just for parties.

Carol Leonard

Daf buys UK leadership but not peace of mind

Truck makers still lag by 30 years and middle-sized companies are most vulnerable



The takeover of Leyland Trucks by Daf of The Netherlands is another logical step in the scrabble to rationalize and restructure in one of the most over-supplied markets for a manufactured product in Europe. It involves all truck makers in the EEC.

In recent years, price lists, as one producer said, would "look more at home in a book of fairy stories than on a truck dealer's desk." In many cases, lorries have been sold almost at any price to maintain market share.

The biggest culprit, in many eyes, has been RVI, the state-owned Renault truck maker, which has been intent on protecting its 40 per cent domestic market share and hopes to be out of the red by the end of this year. Unlike the British Government, the French are intent on maintaining their champion.

For the rest of the European industry, collaboration, joint ventures and even outright withdrawal from the producers' ranks have been adopted in an effort to achieve economies of scale.

Some semblance of order now appears to be returning, with three leading groups — Daimler Benz, Iveco Ford and RVI — controlling two-thirds of the market, the remainder being shared among a number of medium-sized companies that now include Daf Leyland.

In Britain, the new Leyland-Daf company will command 22 per cent of the truck market and become the clear market leader ahead of the Iveco Ford partnership, a solid home base which the Government hopes will take Leyland through the critical years to the end of the decade.

But to observers like Professor Garel Rhys, of University College, Cardiff (he is Britain's only professor of motor industry economics), the round of rationalization will provide only a temporary respite. "In terms of maturity and structure, the European truck industry is 30 years behind the car industry. There is clearly still some major restructuring to be done and the medium sized companies must be the most vulnerable," he said.

"The Daf/Leyland deal does not mean for Britain that with one bound the hero is free. Companies of that size face an uncertain future to the end of the century — and the big firms could still squeeze *them out.*"

The European truck makers' problems have their origins in the late 1970s when *buoyant market forecasts* led companies to raise potential capacity to almost 600,000 trucks a year.

But the impact of the oil crises meant that the once lucrative export markets of the Middle East and Africa collapsed in rapid succession.

Demand for heavier, bigger and longer lasting lorries capable of heavier loads together with the downward effect on running costs of technological developments also damped sales.

Iveco Ford estimates that total Western European demand for trucks of more than three tonnes has stabilized at about 376,000 a year.

On the heavy truck side there is capacity to produce about 100,000 more vehicles than needed and that is after the closures of the early 1980s when Leyland, Iveco and Man of West Germany were among those to cut back production.

One of the most startling events of the decade occurred last year when the two American multinationals, Ford and General Motors, both decided to throw in the towel in Europe.

Ford linked with Iveco, the Fiat subsidiary, and took a 49 per cent stake in Iveco Ford, which now controls the Ford European truck plant at Langley.

GM was all set to maintain its presence in the European truck market with a takeover of Leyland but was snubbed by the British Government and decided instead to stop output of Bedford lorries for the civil market, a move that reduces overall capacity by about 30,000 trucks a year.

In some respects, says Professor Rhys, the European truck industry is now "taking revenge" on the Americans for their invasion of the car market. Daimler Benz, with Freightliner, Volvo with White and RVI with Mack Trucks, now have a significant hold on the US heavy truck scene.

At the top of the European pile, however, the big truck-making-groups look set for a period of relative prosperity. Iveco Ford now has operations in Britain as well as Italy, Germany and France and expects to report a doubling of profits for 1986; Daimler Benz has the advantage of economies of scale and its hugely successful car operation, while the French government is keen to see at least a trading profit from RVI.

The new Daf/Leyland partnership will be keeping a close watch on Man and its joint venture with Volkswagen, a co-operation that has led to discussions with the Spanish state-owned producer, Enasa, for the sale of German trucks in Spain.

The Spanish government have put out a "for sale" sign on Enasa, a move that could provide the next bout of restructuring in the industry.

Meanwhile, the focus of attention will be on Daf to see what it intends for its new British offshoot.

The Dutch company has been talking with Enasa about producing a new truck cab and there is a clear danger that some of the 96 per cent British content of Leyland trucks might be eroded.

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

TEMPUS

How falling oil prices bruised BP's profits

For the first three quarters of *the year, buoyant* downstream business helped to cushion the effect of falling oil prices on British Petroleum — but in the last quarter the cushion was whipped away and the oil group took something of a bruising.

The effect was to push BP's historic cost profits down 49 per cent to £817 million. This is not as bad as the £750 million expected by some analysts but off the £900 million that others predicted.

However, the real disappointment in yesterday's announcement was the *increase* in the dividend. Ever since the interim, investors have been waiting for a rise in their income but a 1p rise to 23p in the final, making a total of 35p against 34p last year, was at the low end of expectations and is why the shares slipped 12p to 749p.

The face that any increae at all was paid when profits have been so badly damaged *might seem a little generous* to the shareholder in the street, but BP's decision was based on its replacement costs performance and, looked at on this basis, the outcome was nowhere so grim, with profits down from £1,816 million to £1,779 million.

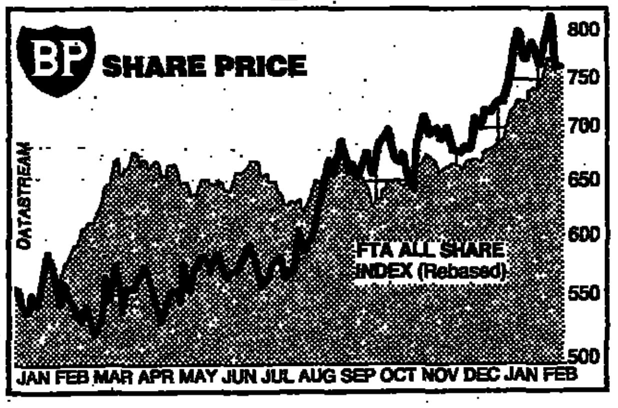
The damage to BP's last quarter downstream results was done by a two-way *squeeze.*

The rising oil price, welcomed elsewhere in the group, could not be passed on since consumers had stocked heavily in the first half of the year when prices were cheap. BP estimates that storage tanks were about 75 to 80 per cent full at the beginning of the period when normally they would be half empty.

A warm December in Europe finished the job.

The effect of oil prices on BP's Standard Oil group in the US was marked, with an average selling price of $13.83p per barrel over the year, 50 per cent down on 1985. High transportation costs *aggravated the situation* and Standard's operating profit slumped from £2,080 million to £189 million for the year. Even on replacement basis, the result was a slump from £2,267 million to £488 million.

The good news on oil prices has been the fall in taxation. The annual charge dropped to just £42 million *from* £1,382 million but that will not stop BP pushing hard for Budget tax concessions to offset the cost of exploration. Outside Standard Oil, BP paid £381 million in tax, but this was almost offset by a tax credit of £339 million paid to Standard.



Ward Holdings

Housebuilders from all over the country are slogging it out for prime sites around the *proposed channel tunnel site* in Kent, but few have Ward Holdings' advantage of operating in their own backyard.

Ward has had a splendid year, as house prices in the South-east have continued to soar, hoisting pretax profits from £4,669,000 to £8,968,000 in the year ended October 31 1986 on a turnover up from £27.4 million to a fraction under £36 million.

The chairman, Mr Denis Ward, believes that the house price spiral must slow down this year, perhaps halving to around 10 per cent a year by the end of 1987, and this is bound to check the pace of growth shown by the company recently.

Still, the group should make £1 million comfortably enough before tax, and look forward to a bigger advance *in the following year.* By then the central London project, set up a year ago and now with 10 sites on board and work already under way, should be contributing usefully to construction profits.

The Tesco supermarket under construction Maidstone will by then also be bringing in £500,000 of rental income and the shopping precinct in Rye a further £120,000-plus.

Earnings per share have more than doubled, from 18.8p to 42.5p, which might *have left room for a bigger* dividend than the 6.52p final, which makes 8.27p for the year against 7.25p. But little *disappointment was shown* as the share price raced up 40p to 438p, bringing the price earnings multiple down to only a *shade over 10.*

Plessey

There is a consistency about Plessey's quarterly statements that cannot be faulted.

Stromberg Carlson is always about to make an important US breakthrough, the company remains confident that System X will eventually find an overseas buyer and negotiations over *Ptarmigan* and Raven are taking even longer than expected in the previous report.

This gives rise to two schools of thought in the City — the cynics who relish pointing out that jam tomorrow is no good if tomorrow never comes and the optimists who feel that tomorrow is arriving.

Yesterday neither argument had the upper hand and *the shares gained 1p to 210p.*

The third-quarter figures were neither inspiring or surprising. Turnover and operating profit fell and there was a sharp drop in telecommunications orders over the three months. City forecasts for the full year have been *checked slightly to* £185 million, compared with £170 million in 1985/6, leaving the shares on a middling p/e of 13.

The fall in telecommunications orders can be attributed to the delay in the 10th tranche of System X orders from *British Telecom.* Plessey says this is because of the disruptive engineers strike. Could it also be that British Telecom is driving an extremely hard bargain, with the help of a very low tender from Ericsson?

Telecommunications is a competitive international market and margins are being ground down everywhere. Stromberg Carlson's switching systems *look* set to pass the Bellcore test in the US, but Plessey's quest to secure a position as third supplier to *the regional Bell operating* companies will mean beating off the likes of Siemens and Ericsson.

There is a persistent worry that Plessey, despite its advances, remains a minnow among sharks. System X is still struggling for a breakthrough abroad. Bulgaria could be the gateway to the Eastern bloc market and China already likes Plessey's ISDXs, but it is of course competing against the majors.

Looking ahead to the next decade, and the costly advances expected in optical switching, collaboration will be essential.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Heady scent of spring in the City air

The new status of gilt-edged as a global market swayed by international influences as much as, and often more than, by domestic events was again demonstrated yesterday. Dealers and investors alike can *perish if their focus is too narrow.*

For its part, the Bank of England, in particular the chief architect, Eddie George, should feel pleased with its creation, *still* to be enchanced with a system for auctioning government stock and the formal admission of the Japanese securities houses whose strength, like Samurai warriors, is terrifying to behold.

It is all looking good. Tuesday's revealation that the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for the first 10 months of the financial year was a piddling £0.4 billion was the first swallow. Cautious at first the market decided on Wednesday that more swallows, also in the shape of pleasing financial and economic statistics, were on their way. Bad news perhaps for Neil Kinnock but that's the way the opinion polls crumble.

Yesterday, with the scent of bank base rate cuts in dealers' nostrils, came the bank lending and money supply figures for January; revised American gross national product figures for the fourth quarter of 1986, indicating much slower economic growth than had been thought; and, most important of all, statements by James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and the scheduling of Group of Five (G5) and Group of Seven (G7) meetings in Paris this weekend.

The message from across the Atlantic was *concern for the fading dollar* and the need for "complementary actions" that would include helpful cuts in interest rates, to secure greater currency *stability. The* UK money figures, equivocal they are, will not stand in the way of a base rate cut.

Narrow money (M0) fell by 0.5 per cent and on the seasonally unadjusted comparison over 12 months was only four per cent higher. The underlying figure is probably five per cent but the improvement is good enough to save the Chancellor from any embarrassment. Sterling M3, on what could be its final appearance as a targetted aggregate unless the Treasury changes its mind, rose by one per cent to 1.25 per cent in January and the 12-month growth rate slipped from 17.75 per cent to 17.5 per cent. Bank lending, perhaps deflated by bitter weather, expanded by only £1.8 billion compared with an average for the previous six months of £2.9 billion.

In such a heady atmosphere the gilt-edged market romped ahead. The last of the Treasury 9 per cent 2008 tap stock was sold to eager buyers almost before breakfast. Even the money markets awoke from a long sleep, so convinced that a base rate cut and useful capital gains were in their sights that they refused to part with their bills. It was at this point that the Bank of England *decided a cold bath was needed to lower* the temperature.

It obliged the discount houses to borrow £275 million at 11½ per cent — a penal rate when the seven-day interbank rate is standing at $11\frac{3}{16}$-$\frac{1}{16}$ per cent. This tactic cooled the gilt-edged market's ardour but did not abuse it of the belief that the first of a two-stage cut in bank base rates is likely to come next week.

It is not just the gilt-edged market that is feeling the warmth of rising prices; the traditional spring boom in equities has also come early this year. The momentum is strong. Wall Street buyers, aside from those arrested, have ignored the psychological traumas of the widening Boesky scandal and the growing political stalemate. London has shrugged off the Guinness affair, with its major side effect of a slackening of the takeover boom that did so much for share prices a year ago.

In London all doubts over the economy have been subordinated to a market presumption of an early election that the Government will win; what happens thereafter is the other side of the mirror. Profits and company earnings are still rising fast.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd and James Capel both expect a 17 per cent rise in industrial companies' earnings for *1987* after a 20 per cent rise for 1986 and James Capel expect to increase earnings on the all-share index by almost 20 per cent. Interest rates (both world and UK) are more likely to fall in the short term than rise. And in New York the loaded Japanese seem to have switched from the bond market to ordinary stocks, with effects on the Dow Jones average that are plain to see.

The length of the bull market in shares has defied all cyclical traditions because interest rates were high in the early stages of anti-inflationary policies, so that the two blades of the scissors — interest rates and profits — have not been clashing for more than a few months at a time.

The London market, in particular is *vulnerable: to economic shocks,* to political delay and uncertainty, to post-electoral *tristesse.* Most of all, however, it is vulnerable because the gap between interest rates and equity yields is much higher than in most other markets. In the short-term, this could well be resolved by rate cuts, since interest rates rather than equity prices are out of line internationally.

The message for investors remains simple. They should look for their gains by late spring, if not before.

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11¼ Low 11
Week fixed: 11⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 10 7/16 / 2 mnth 10 5/16
3 mnth 10¼ / 3 mnth 10⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 7/16-10⅜ / 2 mnth 10 5/16-10 3/16
3 mnth 10 3/16-10 1/16 / 6 mnth 9 11/16-9 9/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 7/32 / 2 mnth 10 15/32
3 mnth 10 13/32 / 6 mnth 10 7/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¼ close 12½
1 week 11¼-11⅛ / 6 mnth 10⅝-10 9/16
1 mnth 11⅛-11 / 9 mnth 10⅝-10 9/16
3 mnth 10 11/16-10 9/16 / 12 mth 10⅝-10 9/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ / 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10⅞ / 3 mnth 10⅝
6 mnth 10½ / 12 mth 10½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-10⅞ / 2 mnth 10 13/16-10 9/16
3 mnth 10 11/16-10 7/16 / 6 mnth 10⅝-10⅜
9 mnth 10 5/16-10 1/16 / 12 mth 10¼-10

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11-10⅞ / 3 mnth 10½-10⅜
6 mnth 10¼-10⅛ / 12 mth 10 5/32-10

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.35-6.30 / 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.40-6.35 / 12 mth 6.45-6.40

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6 3/16-6 / call 6⅛-5⅝
3 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16 / 1 mnth 6¼-6⅛
6 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16

Deutschmark
7 days 4-3⅞ / call 4¼-3¾
3 mnth 4⅛-4 / 1 mnth 4⅛-4
6 mnth 4⅛-4

French Franc
7 days 9-8⅞ / call 8½-7½
3 mnth 8⅞-8⅝ / 1 mnth 8 13/16-11/16
6 mnth 8 15/16-13/16

Swiss Franc
7 days 7½-7¼ / call 2¼-1¼
3 mnth 3 13/16-3 11/16 / 1 mnth 3⅝-3⅜
6 mnth 3⅞-3⅝

Yen
7 days 4⅝-4½ / call 5-4
3 mnth 4¼-4⅛ / 1 mnth 4 5/16-4 3/16
6 mnth 4⅛-4

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Gold:$394.75-395.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
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Platinum
$501.50 (£329.95)
Silver
$5.4200-5.4400 (£3.5500-3.5650)

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COMPANY NEWS

● BLUE ARROW: Mr Tony Berry, the chairman, says in his yearly statement that management reports for the first two months of the current year indicate that the momentum in trading performance in Britain is continuing with further record levels of business being achieved.

● WISTECH: Dyfed Sludge Disposal has been bought. The price was £650,000, plus the allotment of 285,713 new ordinary shares.

● BRITANNIA SECURITY GROUP: The alarms division has acquired Soveriegn Security Services, Wincanton Security Services, Robot Systems and Morris Security Systems, four small and separate, but strategically located, businesses. These acquisitions will add branches at Banbury, Oxfordshire, Worthing, West SussexSouthampton, Hampshire, south London and Exeter, Devon, to the alarms division's branch network. The price is estimated at less than £360,000.

● GUINNESS PEAT GROUP: The group is acquiring the 25 per cent minority interest in Valonpalm, which provides management services to the group's insurance-related activities. The price will be based on the earnings of Valonpalm over the 10 years to Sept 30, 1989, payable in two instalments: the initial payment of £3.54 million will be satisfied by 4.04 million new ordinary shares. The final payment will be made in 1990.

● TELEFON LM ERICSSON: Preliminary group pretax profit for 1986 910 million krona (£92 million), against 878 million krona. Sales 31.70 billion krona (32.49 billion krona). Estimated profit per share 15 krona (13 krona). Dividend unchanged at nine krona.

● LEISURE INVESTMENTS: Westminster County Council has given permission for the company's development project which spreads between Oxford Street and Soho Square, London. The sale of the building at 10/10A Soho Square has become unconditional and the company will be receiving the £900,000 sale proceeds within the next few weeks. Contracts have also been exchanged for the purchase of a nine-acre freehold site on the A3 Kingston bypass. This site has been acquired for £400,000 and outline planning consent for leisure use has been granted.

● AULT & WIBORG: A management buyout has been completed between Warwick International (a subsidiary) and a new company set up to acquire the printing inks resin division, based in Mitcham, Surrey. The new company will trade under the name Mitchanol.

● LONDON SECURITIES: In view of the return to profitability, the board proposes that the share capital be rationalized and that past losses be reduced by a reduction of share capital, which will facilitate payment of dividends. The ordinary capital is to be reorganized, creating a class of deferred shares of 2p each, which will be cancelled to create a special reserve of about £3.85 million. This reserve will be used to reduce the deficit on the profit and loss account.

● EDINBURGH FINANCIAL TRUST: Conditional agreement has been reached for the purchase of a further 5,542 shares in Stanecastle Assets at £30 per share. In view of the vendors' connections with EFT, these purchases are conditional on shareholders' approval. The price of £30 values Stanecastle at £500,000. On completion of these purchases, EFT's interest in Stanecastle will be 13,929 shares (83.6 per cent).

● COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA: The Commonwealth is to make its first Eurosterling issue of £100 million. The lead manager and the broker is SG Warburg Securities. The bonds will have a 10-year maturity (1997) and pay interest annually at 10¼ per cent. The issue price is 100¼ per cent.

● STAKIS: The company has acquired the Lodore Hotel, a private company, the principal assets of which are the Lodore Swiss Hotel and the Mary Mount Hotel, both freehold. The price was £3 million in cash and ordinary shares.

● HUNTING ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES: Two subsidiaries in the resource survey business, Hunting Surveys and Hunting Geology and Geophysics, are winding down their operations and will not be seeking further orders. The remaining resource survey companies, notably Hunting Technical Services, will continue to trade.

● RAINBOW CORPORATION: The corporation is to merge with another New Zealand company, Progressive Enterprises, to produce a new company called Astral Pacific Corporation. Astral will be capitalized at £400 million, making it one of the largest public companies in New Zealand.

● OCE-VAN DER GRINTEN: Year to Nov. 30 (figures in guilders). Pretax profit 112.7 million fl (£35.95 million), against 104.4 million fl. Sales 1,891.6 million fl (1,965.4 million fl). Total dividend unchanged at 10 fl a share.

● IMPALA PLATINUM HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 45 cents (35 cents), payable on April 9. Six months to Dec. 31. Pretax profit R229.44 million (£72.21 million), against R165.93 million. Sales R557.15 million (R432.04 million). Earnings per share 219 cents (177 cents).

● MACARTHY: The company has acquired Lifecycle Ltd for a nominal price of £1. This is the first acquisition by the new management and the first by the company for nine years. Lifecycle had an estimated turnover of £4.3 million for the year to Jan. 31.

● BRENT CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL: Sherwood Flexibles has been bought for £1.42 million. Sales of Sherwood for the year ended Nov. 30 were £1.27 million and pretax profit was £250,000.

● PENTLAND INDUSTRIES: The US associate, Reebok International, has declared its first cash dividend of $10 a share on its common stock. Pentland will receive $1.95 million (£1.27 million) in respect of this.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons (*379)	300	87	93	105	1	1½	5
	330	57	68	82	1½	6	13
	360	34	48	55	6	13	22
British Gas (*72)	60	13½	17	20½	½	1	1¼
	70	5¾	9½	13½	2½	4	5½
	80	2¼	5½	8½	9½	10½	12
British Airways (*108)	100	13½	18	22	3	7	9
	110	8	12	16	8½	13	16
	120	4	7½	12	16	21	25
BP (*750)	700	57	73	—	15	27	—
	750	26	47	65	40	50	60
	800	8	28	40	80	80	83
Cons Gold (*728)	700	64	77	92	25	45	52
	750	33	52	70	50	67	80
	800	17	33	45	90	94	107
Courtaulds (*402)	330	80	86	105	1½	3	10
	360	52	61	83	3	7	13
	390	32	44	65	11	15	19
	420	18	30	47	30	30	34
Com Union (*339)	300	46	52	58	4	8	11
	330	26	36	42	13	17	20
	360	15	22	29	33	33	36
Cable & Wire (*377)	325	60	—	—	1	—	—
	350	38	—	—	5	—	—
	360	—	50	63	—	16	22
	390	17	28	42	25	33	37
GEC (*214)	180	39	48	54	1	2	4
	200	22	32	38	4	7	11
	220	8½	18	27	11	15	18
Grand Met (*503)	390	116	—	—	1	—	—
	420	86	103	117	1	3	6
	460	48	67	80	3	10	13
	500	20	43	52	15	25	30
ICI (*1373)	1250	137	175	195	15	30	43
	1300	94	140	163	30	45	60
	1350	65	112	137	50	65	80
	1400	38	83	110	80	90	100
Land Securities (*360)	300	67	72	81	1	2	3
	330	37	45	53	3	7	10
	360	16	26	35	12	17	20
Marks & Spen (*212)	180	36	41	45	1	3	5
	200	19	27	32	5	9	13
	220	9	14	19	16	20	23

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Shell Trans (*1046)	1000	65	87	103	22	30	40
	1050	32	62	82	55	60	70
	1100	17	40	60	88	95	105
Trafalgar House (*318)	280	46	54	63	3	6	9
	300	27	37	47	6	13	18
	330	14	25	34	24	30	34
TSB (*78)	70	10	12½	15½	1	2½	2½
	80	4½	7½	10	4½	5½	6½
	90	1	2½	—	13	13½	—
Woolworth (*760)	700	80	105	120	10	18	25
	750	52	70	75	28	40	50
	800	25	40	53	60	75	86
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*529)	420	115	123	128	1	3	7
	460	75	88	97	2	8	14
	500	40	55	70	8	20	26
	550	10	27	45	30	45	48
Boots (*290)	260	33	38	43	1½	6	7
	280	23	28½	31	7	12	15
	300	11	18	23	20	24	25
BTR (*307)	280	33	43	53	2	9	12
	300	15	30	40	6	16	20
	330	5	17	24	28	33	37
Bass (*849)	750	110	120	140	4	10	13
	800	62	955	125	10	20	33
	850	22	65	83	25	50	60
Blue Circle (*698)	650	60	72	88	8	17	23
	700	23	45	60	23	33	45
	750	10	22	33	60	67	70
De Beers (*935)	850	110	140	165	10	30	45
	900	80	115	140	20	45	60
	950	55	90	120	47	65	85
	1000	30	65	105	90	105	120
Dixons (*370)	300	74	84	94	1	3	4
	330	44	60	70	5	10	14
	360	24	38	48	14	20	26
GKN (*338)	280	62	65	72	1½	3	5
	300	43	46	54	1½	8	11
	330	20	29	37	9	16	20
	360	8	—	—	25	—	—
Glaxo (*1449)	1250	205	245	280	5	20	32
	1300	160	205	245	7	27	43
	1350	115	170	215	13	45	60

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo continued	1400	80	135	185	35	60	78
Hanson (*162)	120	43½	—	—	½	—	—
	135	28½	34	38½	1	2½	3½
	150	15	22½	27	2½	6	8
	165	6	13½	18½	7½	12½	14½
Jaguar (*616)	500	121	137	155	1	2	5
	550	72	90	108	1	10	15
	600	31	57	73	10	25	30
Thorn EMI (*568)	460	115	130	137	1	2	2
	500	77	90	100	2	5	8
	550	33	50	65	9	20	25
	600	12	28	35	40	43	50
Tesco (*444)	390	60	68	90	2	3	9
	420	33	47	70	4	10	18
	460	10	23	40	25	30	32
THF (*211)	180	35	41	39	1	1½	4
	200	18	25	34	3	10	16
	220	9	19	26	17	21	25
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*272)	200	72	73	—	1½	1½	—
	220	52	53	56	2	3	5
	240	32	33	37	2½	5	9
	260	12	20	24	7	13	17
	280	4½	10	14	19	22	25
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£105)	102	4	4¼	4½	1/16	7/32	⅜
	104	2	2⅝	3 1/16	1/16	⅝	1⅛
	106	⅜	1 9/16	2	7/16	1 9/16	3 1/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£115)	110	5 9/16	6¾	7⅝	1/16	9/16	1¼
	112	3 9/16	5 5/16	6 9/16	1/16	1	1⅝
	114	1 13/16	3 13/16	5⅜	1/16	1⅜	2 9/16
	116	13/16	2½	4⅜	⅝	2 9/16	3½
	118	⅜	1 11/16	—	2⅞	3⅞	—
	120	1/16	1 5/16	—	4⅝	5⅞	—

		Calls				Puts			
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index (*1929)	1675	262	283	298	—	1	2	1	—
	1700	237	258	273	—	1	2	2	—
	1750	187	210	225	—	1	3	8	—
	1800	137	165	185	200	1	8	15	23
	1850	87	125	147	160	2	17	23	33
	1900	52	90	110	122	10	30	40	52
	1950	22	58	78	90	32	53	63	77
	2000	10	37	53	67	75	90	100	115

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*662)	600	73	90	—	11	20	—
	660	45	55	70	25	33	40
	700	23	38	52	55	63	70
BAT Inds (*545)	420	127	143	—	1	1½	—
	460	87	105	—	3	5	—
	500	57	72	—	11	17	—
	550	28	45	68	35	37	42
Barclays (*565)	500	72	85	—	6	12	—
	550	35	48	57	23	27	35
	600	15	23	42	50	52	60
Brit Telecom (*235)	200	42	47	—	2	3½	—
	220	25	30	38	5½	9	13
	240	14	17	24	15	19	24
Cadbury Schwpps (*247)	240	26	35	45	15	19	20
	260	14	24	31	26	31	33
	280	8	13	—	41	44	—
Guinness (*307)	280	45	55	63	8	17	22
	300	30	45	55	19	25	33
	330	16½	28	35	35	40	47
Ladbroke (*436)	390	50	68	—	5	10	—
	420	30	47	62	14	20	25
	460	17	28	38	40	45	47
LASMO (*181)	160	31	38	—	6	8	—
	180	15	27	33	13	17	21
	200	9	17	24	27	28	31
Midland Bank (*648)	550	105	115	—	5	12	—
	600	65	77	—	13	20	—
	650	33	47	62	40	42	45
P & O (*623)	550	83	95	—	7	15	—
	600	48	63	78	25	32	40
	650	22	38	47	53	55	65
Racal (*213)	200	28	39	—	7	10	—
	220	18	27	32	16	19	22
	240	7	14	19	30	32	34
RTZ (*755)	650	130	145	—	5	9	—
	700	92	107	120	12	22	34
	750	55	77	90	34	47	54
	800	28	50	62	62	72	80
Vaal Reef (*83)	80	11	15½	17½	5½	8	9½
	90	6	9	11	10½	13	14½
	100	2¼	5	—	20	22	—

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To whom it may concern, Please read my letter. If you are thinking of becoming Insured, or may be in any doubt as to whether you need to be Insured. I met my late husband Bob when I was fifteen years old. When I was eighteen we decided to save hard and buy a house and when we married Bob said how important it was to have some Insurance behind us. So we met Mr. John Hall, who came and helped us use what little money we could spare to the best advantage possible. Now as time went by we had many difficulties. Once Bob was very short of work and I had an illness which lasted 1 year. This meant I could not work. With high mortgage and bills it was hard. But still we kept up our Insurance. We had years without a Holiday and being so young one day I asked why are we struggling and yet paying for Insurance? Nothing is going to happen. But Bob said nothing was more important. He explained that if anything should happen to him, he would never want me left to struggle. He was so caring, he said hard times would pass and they did. A few more years went by and things got better. We had a little boy called Ian, who we had both longed for. We had our first holiday with Ian when he was eighteen months old. We were so very happy, it was never to be forgotten, because just after that Bob came home from work one day and died with a heart attack. The doctors at the hospital said there was nothing they could do they tried everything. So I went home to my son, who wanted to know where his Daddy was. Some days later I rang John as Bob, from the beginning always said I must do. John came immediately and as I was in shock, I could not think very clearly, John was marvellous. He sorted out Bob's Insurance and within a few days I received a cheque. Also he helped me with all the paper work of which there is a lot when someone dies. He is a real friend even now. Anyway now time has gone by and nature has healed a lot. I realise how important it is to have some security with Insurance. We now have a home free from mortgage and my little boy is secure. He is going to a Private Nursery School, where he is learning to read and write. I am in a position to be insured for more money then if anything should happen to me, my son will be well looked after, and we can live very comfortably. I do not have to farm him out. I can be at home to watch him grow and if he grows up like his Father he will be a very unselfish and much loved person. So please think of your family and get some security even if it is a small amount of money, believe me it is so very important.

Yours Faithfully

Anne Johnson

*P.S. Thank you Sun Life of Canada. Thank you John Hall and thank you Bob for putting your family before yourself.**

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If you've got any questions, you can always ring us on 01-930 2976.

*This is a genuine letter received by John Hall, a representative of Sun Life of Canada, Leicester Branch, for over 9 years. Only the names of the family have been changed.

YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS "READY RECKONER" THAT YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FOR UP TO £130,000 FROM JUST PENNIES PER DAY

	PLAN A	PLAN B	PLAN C	PLAN D	PLAN E
AMOUNT PAYABLE ON DEATH	£10,000	£20,000	£35,000	£50,000	£65,000
TOTAL COVER IF DEATH ACCIDENTAL	£20,000	£40,000	£70,000	£100,000	£130,000
AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY	AMOUNT YOU PAY MONTHLY				
20-30	£5.00	£6.00	£7.35	£10.50	£13.65
31-35	£5.00	£6.20	£9.10	£13.00	£16.90
36-40	£5.40	£8.40	£12.95	£18.50	£24.05
41-45	£6.00	£12.00	£19.25	£27.50	-
46-50	£9.30	£18.60	£30.80	-	-
51-55	£14.70	£29.40	-	-	-

Either Melinda Smith or Sally Dexter will be happy to help.

Sun Life of Canada's Double Guarantee

1. We guarantee never to increase the price of your plan no matter what happens to inflation.
2. We guarantee never to cancel your policy as long as you pay your premiums.

28 day no-risk trial

You can examine your high protection, low cost Insurance Plan at home for 28 days without obligation.

If you're not convinced that it's the best way to protect your family, simply return it to us and we'll send you back your £1.

So it won't cost you a penny to discover the peace of mind which this Plan brings.

How to apply

★ Look at the "ready reckoner" shown here and decide how much cover you need.

★ If, for example, you want £50,000 of cover, rising to £100,000 in the event of accidental death, then you want Plan D.

★ Tick the appropriate box on the Priority Application and complete the rest of the form.

★ Remember, you only need to send a cheque for £1 with your application. So you could save up to £29.

★ Post your Application to Sun Life of Canada, Dept. DM, Freepost, London SW1Y 5YX. You don't need a stamp ... we'll pay the postage.

SunLife of Canada

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INFORMATION HOTLINE 01-930 2976/7

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London SW1Y 5YX

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Priority Application. Sun Life of Canada's Family Protection Insurance Plan

JUST £1 TO START

YOUR FIRST MONTH COSTS JUST £1

Yes. Please send me, without obligation, a policy for the Family Protection Plan I have selected which will be mine to examine for 28 days. I enclose £1 for my first month's cover.

I WISH TO APPLY FOR:

PLAN A ☐ PLAN B ☐ PLAN C ☐ PLAN D ☐ PLAN E ☐

Please tick appropriate box.

	YES	NO
Do you have a bank current account?	☐	☐
FOUR SIMPLE QUESTIONS	YES	NO
1. Are there any risks or special dangers connected with your occupation, hobbies, sports or pastimes?	☐	☐
2. Have you ever undergone any hospital investigation or operation other than for the removal of wisdom teeth, tonsils or appendix?	☐	☐
3. Have you during the last five years received any medical advice, treatment or prescription from a doctor other than for colds?	☐	☐
4. Are you currently experiencing any symptoms which might suggest that you are not in good physical and mental condition?	☐	☐

Please tick here if you do not smoke. ☐

If your answer is 'Yes' to any question, in most cases we hope to be able to give you the benefit of the terms as shown in the rate table. Please give full details on a separate sheet of paper together with the name and address of your present doctor. Then sign and date the sheet. You should still send us your £1 for your first month's cover.

YOUR DECLARATION:

I DECLARE that all statements made by me in this application are true and complete to the best of my belief, and that I have disclosed all facts known to me and sought by the Company.

I AGREE that this application together with any additional declaration made by me in connection herewith shall be the basis of the assurance, and that failure by me to disclose all facts known to me and sought by the Company may lead to a claim under any resulting policy being adjusted or rejected.

I CONSENT to the Company seeking medical information from any doctor who at any time has attended me concerning anything which affects my physical and mental health, or seeking information from any insurance office to which a proposal has been made for insurance on my life, and I authorise the giving of such information.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

SURNAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ____________________
BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE

FIRST NAMES ____________________

ADDRESS ____________________

____________________ POSTCODE ____________

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____
DAY MONTH YEAR

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN:

SIGNATURE X ____________________ DATE ________

POST NOW TO: SUN LIFE OF CANADA, DEPT DM, FREEPOST, LONDON SW1Y 5YX. NO STAMP NEEDED.

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Please make your cheque for £1 payable to Sun Life of Canada.

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 19/2/87 Sears, Barratts, Microbusiness, Guinness, Chloride, Scottish & Newcastle, Bula Resources, Wellcome, Aran Energy, Rotaprint, British Gas, Berkeley & Hay Hill, Kwik-Fit, Amstrad, Property Trust, Rivlin, Ryan International, Abaco Investments, Tricentrol, CH Beazer, British Airways, CASE Group, Norfolk Capital, Talbex, Polymark, Land Securities.
Puts: Guinness, Wellcome, London International Group.
Put & Call: Rotaprint.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.67	89.74	89.55	89.60	3927
Jun 87	90.24	90.30	90.10	90.11	4703
Sep 87	90.33	90.38	90.20	90.23	465
Dec 87	90.35	90.37	90.24	90.24	148
Mar 88	90.24	90.24	90.24	90.14	20
Jun 88	90.07	90.07	90.07	90.00	48
Previous day's total open interest 18798					
Three Month Eurodollar	Previous day's total open interest 34102				
Mar 87	93.50	93.56	93.50	93.53	2733
Jun 87	93.60	93.65	93.59	93.62	6549
Sep 87	93.61	93.64	93.59	93.61	430
Dec 87	93.57	93.61	93.56	93.56	201
US Treasury Bond	Previous day's total open interest 4868				
Mar 87	100-03	100-20	100-01	100-02	7345
Jun 87	99-14	99-14	99-11	99-03	70
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 66				
Mar 87	N/T	—	—	100-00	0
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 18758				
Mar 87	117-30	118-15	117-20	117-22	30318
Jun 87	118-04	118-17	117-27	117-29	1460
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	118-06	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	117-28	0
FT-SE 100	Previous day's total open interest 4457				
Mar 87	197.80	198.50	193.55	195.50	1848
Jun 87	202.20	202.20	201.00	199.00	8

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 69.2 (day's range 69.2-69.5).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.1173-2.1264
Australia dollar	2.2822-2.2856
Bahrain dinar	0.5715-0.5755
Brazil cruzado*	26.9298-27.0831
Cyprus pound	0.7355-0.7455
Finland marka	6.9575-6.9975
Greece drachma	205.90-207.90
Hong Kong dollar	11.8560-11.8657
India rupee	19.80-20.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4220-0.4260
Malaysia dollar	3.8874-3.8923
Mexico peso	1525.0-1575.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7561-2.7680
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6900-5.7300
Singapore dollar	3.2680-3.2717
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4369-6.6063
S Africa rand (com)	3.1932-3.2089
U A E dirham	5.5710-5.6110

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4340-1.4370
Singapore	2.1500-2.1510
Malaysia	2.5575-2.5590
Australia	0.6655-0.6660
Canada	1.3365-1.3375
Sweden	6.5500-6.5550
Norway	7.0500-7.0550
Denmark	6.9725-6.9775
West Germany	1.8515-1.8525
Switzerland	1.5635-1.5645
Netherlands	2.0905-2.0915
France	6.1600-6.1650
Japan	154.50-154.60
Italy	1317.0-1318.5
Belgium(Comm)	38.35-38.45
Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8015
Portugal	142.90-143.40
Spain	128.90-129.20
Austria	12.89-12.92

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 19	Market rates close February 19	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5200-1.5270	1.5260-1.5270	0.55-0.52prem	1.52-1.47prem
Montreal	2.0300-2.0365	2.0319-2.0347	0.60-0.52prem	1.54-1.42prem
Ams'dam	3.1550-3.1906	3.1550-3.1647	1½-1¼prem	4⅛-3⅞prem
Brussels	57.91-58.52	57.91-58.03	17-12prem	42-36prem
C'phgen	10.5786-10.6490	10.5786-10.6161	par-⅝dis	1¼-2dis
Dublin	1.0499-1.0604	1.0543-1.0553	22-27dis	82-96dis
Frankfurt	2.7949-2.8262	2.7949-2.8043	1½-1⅛prem	4½-4¼prem
Lisbon	214.39-218.49	217.53-218.43	81-161dis	284-397dis
Madrid	197.45-198.58	198.29-198.58	20-38dis	92-117dis
Milan	1986.85-2011.42	1986.85-1992.74	2-par prem	1prem-1dis
Oslo	10.7069-10.7570	10.7313-10.7536	2⅞-3⅞dis	11⅞-12⅞dis
Paris	9.3101-9.4195	9.3101-9.3315	1¼-1⅛prem	3⅞-3⅛prem
St'khlm	9.9482-9.9836	9.9482-9.9700	par-½dis	1⅛-1⅝dis
Tokyo	234.75-235.45	234.85-235.23	1¼-1⅛prem	3¾-3½prem
Vienna	19.66-19.87	19.66-19.69	10⅞-9prem	27⅞-25½prem
Zurich	2.3653-2.3841	2.3653-2.3699	1½-1⅛prem	4-3¾prem

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Br Airways	108 −2
British Gas (50p) (aa)	71½ −½
Cap & Regional (65p)	67
Daniels S (130p)	185 +9
Dale Group (110p)	123 −3
Fletcher King (175p)	188 −3
Gaynor (94p)	121
Geest (125p)	217 −8
Glentree (16p)	43
Gordon Russell (190p)	235 +1
Halls Homes (95p)	153 −2
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29
Hornby (100p)	91 −2
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	178 −1
Johnson Fry (150p)	186 −2
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	27
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	174 +4
Logitek (65p)	81 −1
Lon & Metro (145p)	202 −3
MIL (144p)	160 −1
Mayborn (102p)	121
Nobo (152p)	155
Northumbrian Food (60p)	83 −1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	122 +1
Spandex (170p)	247 +3
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	113
TSB Group (100p)	77½ −2
Virgin (140p)	141½ −1½
Ward Group (97p)	121 −3
Burgess N/P	43 +3
Cookson N/P	88 −3
Cannon St N/P	24 −1
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglia TV N/P	78

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Heavy profit taking

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 9. Dealings end Today. §Contango day next Monday. Settlement day March 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 22.

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
2	Prop Security	Property	
3	Allied Lyons (aa)	Breweries	
4	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
5	Dwek	Industrials A-D	
6	Ruberoid	Building,Roads	
7	Parkdale	Property	
8	Laird	Industrials L-R	
9	AC	Motors,Aircraft	
10	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
11	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
12	Christy Hunt	Industrials A-D	
13	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
14	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
15	Stoddard 'A'	Textiles	
16	Anchor Chemical	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Brisport-Gandry	Industrials A-D	
18	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
19	VG Instruments	Electricals	
20	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
21	Linread	Industrials L-R	
22	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
23	Really Useful	Leisure	
24	Ratners (Jewellers)	Drapery,Stores	
25	Br Benzol	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
27	UEI	Electricals	
28	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
29	Amber Ind	Industrials A-D	
30	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
31	Ampol	Oil	
32	Belgrave	Property	
33	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
34	Sumrie Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
35	Stag Furniture	Industrials S-Z	
36	DPCE	Industrials A-D	
37	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
38	Assoc Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
40	Erith	Building,Roads	
41	Ricardo Eng	Industrials L-R	
42	Steetley	Industrials S-Z	
43	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
44	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
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Please take into account any minus signs

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
158	85	Chilington	135	140	2	10.0	7.2	12.2
57	75	Finlay (James)	84	87		5.9	6.9	
517	335	Harrison Crosfield	488	493	+1	28.6	5.8	24.8
583	330	Inchcape	575	580		25.0	4.5	45.8
37	32	Jacks (Wm)	34	36		1.7b	4.9	13.0
301	158	Lonrho (aa)	270	272		17.1	6.3	10.6
88	45	Ocean Wilson	78	83		3.6	4.4	14.2
331	205	Paterson Zoch	326	333	+3	9.3	2.8	8.5
331	305	Do A	328	333	+3	9.3	2.8	8.8
183	105	Polly Peck	174	179	s -4	9.3	5.3	37.8
85	30	Sime Darby	80	84				
660	545	Steel Bros	637	657	+2	22.9a	3.5	18.0
224	121	Tozer Kemsley	155	158	3			56.3
335	156	Yule Catto	332	337	+2	12.1	3.6	10.9

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1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
568	444	BAT (aa)	543	545	17	18.4	3.4	14.2
168	123	Carroll	135	140	5			
225	135	Rothmans B	214	217	-6	10.0	4.6	7.6

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free — No significant data

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	110.5	116.9c	+0.6	10.26
High Inc Equity	113.8	121.0	+2.1	4.30
Worldwide Bond	200.2	212.9●	-1.3	4.56
American Growth	171.2	182.1●	+3.4	0.77
Asian Pacific	66.4	70.6	+0.3	1.60
Assets & Earns	132.7	141.0	+1.2	2.03
Capital Reserve	68.1	68.8c	+0.3	1.47
Comm & Energy	116.0	123.4c	+1.1	0.52
European Capital	94.1	100.1	-2.0	1.27
General	161.4	171.6●	+2.8	2.48
Japan	77.0	81.9	+0.5	
UK Growth Inc	126.0	134.0	+1.5	1.17
Do Accum	182.0	193.6	+2.0	0.81
US Emerging Co's	59.0	62.7	+0.4	0.08
Equitas Progress	252.1	268.1	+4.0	2.69
Mastertst Acc	73.5	78.1	+0.7	2.10
American Inc	52.0	55.3●	+0.5	4.75
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	267.7	283.6c	+3.7	2.82
Growth & Income	156.4	165.8	+2.1	2.73
Capital Trust	264.6	280.5	+4.2	2.46
Balanced	423.8	449.2	+5.7	3.08
Accum Trust	651.8	690.9	+9.8	2.75
American Income	34.0	36.2●	+0.3	4.12
High Income Tst	294.2	311.9	+4.1	4.27
Equity Income	163.9	173.7	+2.5	4.40
High Yield	169.2	179.3	+2.8	4.71
Govt Secs Trust	29.1	30.2	+0.2	8.05
International	100.6	107.1●	+1.2	0.76
Japan Fund	124.3	132.4	+0.9	0.01
Pacific Trust	205.5	218.9	+1.0	0.88
Amer Spcl Sits	74.6	79.4	+1.1	1.40
Secs Of Amer Tst	227.5	242.3	+5.3	0.50
Ald Asset Value	273.0	289.4	+4.3	2.84
Conv & Gilt Trust	37.6	39.9	+0.5	6.14
Smaller Co's	150.3	159.3●	+1.9	2.71
2nd Smaller Co's	190.9	202.4	+2.0	1.98
Recovery Trust	98.8	104.7	+1.8	1.79
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-225 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	474.2	494.3		0.64
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4●		0.20
UK Ex (31)	268.0	285.1		1.28
P'sal Pens Intl	570.6	600.6		
P'sal Pens UK	223.1	234.9		
BG America	182.0	193.7	+2.0	0.00
BG Energy	178.2	189.6	-1.7	1.78
BG Income Grwth	240.3	255.7c	+3.4	4.49
BG Japan	196.7	209.2	+0.5	0.00
BG Technology	188.5	200.6	+1.4	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 30, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6801				
American	54.0	57.5●	+0.9	1.81
Australian	23.5	25.0	+0.2	1.64
Japan & General	119.4	127.1	+1.8	0.06
High Income	52.2	55.6	+1.1	5.42
International Trust	91.8	97.8	+0.8	0.82
Income Gth Tst	58.5	62.3●	+1.1	3.22
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.7	22.1	+0.1	9.95

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Inc (2)	148.8	156.0●		1.49
Do Accum (2)	198.5	206.7●		1.49
Smaller Inc (5)	71.9	76.3s		2.00
Do Accum	77.2	81.9s		2.00
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	88.3	93.9	+1.1	0.53
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	337.1	358.7	+1.5	2.67
Income	387.5	410.1	+2.5	4.13
Far East	246.0	260.3	+0.4	0.24
North American	171.7	182.7	+3.3	0.60
Global	56.3	58.6c	+0.7	0.76
European	56.5	59.8	+0.1	1.26
Japan	59.2	63.0	-0.2	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	413.3	439.7	+4.5	1.60
Income	337.7	359.3	+5.0	4.39
North American	327.6	348.6	+0.2	1.08
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	449.2			4.16
Fixed Int	138.75			10.31
Deposit	100.0			10.85
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	59.9	63.4		0.80
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	417.71			4.67
Accum	£12.2518			
Deposit	100.0			10.75
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	28.3	30.0	+0.5	1.90
Equity High Income	51.7	54.5c	+0.9	3.80
European Growth	31.1	33.0	-0.3	2.00
General Equity	46.7	49.5	+0.7	2.20
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.9	31.5	+0.2	3.20
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.4	25.7	+0.2	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	23.2	28.7		5.00
Japan Growth	35.0	37.1	+0.5	0.90
Pedigree Gth	29.1	30.8	+0.5	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	53.8	57.6	+0.8	3.01
Do Accum	53.8	57.6	+0.8	3.01
Income Inc	53.5	57.3	+0.7	4.34
Do Accum	53.5	57.3	+0.6	4.34
Worldwide Inc	51.5	55.1	+0.7	1.79
Do Accum	51.5	55.1	+0.7	1.79

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Income	85.7	91.2●	+0.1	2.78
Financials Fund	54.8	57.8	+0.7	2.60
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	54.9	58.4	+1.1	1.46
Do Accum	56.0	59.6	+1.1	
Income Gth Inc	49.0	52.1	+1.6	5.30
Do Accum	52.5	56.0	+1.7	
Service Co's Inc	61.3	65.2	+1.2	1.00
Do Accum	62.3	66.3	+1.3	
Higher Inc	28.3	20.2	+0.4	7.00
Do acc	36.5	38.8	+0.4	
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	118.8	126.4	+2.5	0.62
Amer Equity Income	36.4	38.8●	+0.3	3.99
Amer Special Sits	57.8	61.5	-0.2	0.09
Australia	38.0	39.2	-0.1	3.05
European	50.2	53.2	+0.1	
Far East Inc	38.1	40.4		3.84
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.0		-0.11	10.48
Growth & Income	113.1	120.4	+1.0	3.99
Japan Special Sits	46.2	49.3●	+0.1	
Japan	147.9	157.8	-0.2	
Managed Int	155.5	165.5	+2.2	0.28
Max Income Equity	98.1	104.4	+0.7	4.42
Professional Gilt	39.2	42.0	+0.2	2.04
South-East Asia	47.3	69.4	+0.1	0.01
Special Sits	205.2	218.3	+1.3	0.17
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£388.3	405.0		1.24
Japan Exempt	£489.3	478.8		0.88
Am Property Tst	$10000.0			5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0			5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	232.3	245.8	+3.0	
Do Accum	237.3	251.1	+3.0	
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Do Accum	238.1	251.9	+3.1	1.16
Capital Tst Inc	249.2	263.6	+2.3	1.89
Do Accum	303.6	321.2	+2.8	1.89
Conv & Gilt Inc	97.7	103.3	+1.1	4.89
Do Accum	132.8	140.5	+1.4	4.89
Extra Inc Tst Inc	197.6	209.3●	+2.6	3.92
Do Accum	217.2	229.8●	+2.8	3.92
Income Trust	146.1	154.6	+2.0	3.41
Do Accum	156.4	165.5	+2.2	3.41
Int Growth Fd Inc	182.2	192.7	+2.5	
Do Accum	202.2	213.9	+2.7	
Japan & Gen Inc	98.1	102.8●	+1.3	0.07
Do Accum	99.1	104.8●	+1.4	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	101.1	106.9●	+1.4	4.26
Recovery	179.4	189.8●	+2.5	1.26
Do Accum	185.8	207.1●	+2.8	1.26
European Inc	69.0	73.0	+0.1	0.80
Do Accum	69.0	73.0	+0.1	0.80
Financial Inc	53.8	56.9	+0.5	1.00
Do Accum	53.8	56.9	+0.5	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Fund	79.7	84.8●		4.15
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	70.7	71.8	+0.1	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	e52.1	52.3	+0.1	
Challenger	50.7	51.0	-0.2	2.08
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	56.0	59.6	+1.0	6.81
Income	65.5	69.7	+0.8	4.21
Growth	67.8	72.2	+0.9	1.75

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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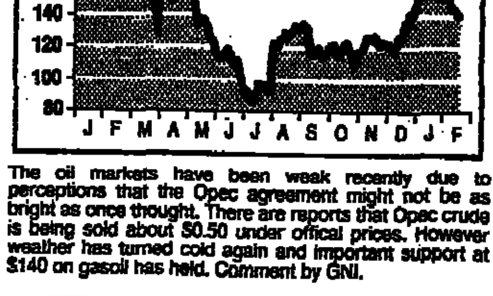

The oil markets have been weak recently due to perceptions that the Opec agreement might not be as bright as once thought. There are reports that Opec crude is being sold about $0.50 under offical prices. However weather has turned cold again and important support at $140 on gasoil has held. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Mar	87.00-90.0
Apr	85.00-87.0
May	82.00
Vol:	35

GAS OIL

Mar	141.25-41.00
Apr	141.75-75.50
May	141.50-41.00
Jun	140.50-40.25
Jul	141.50-39.00
Aug	143.00-37.00
Sep	143.00-37.00
Oct	143.00-37.00
Nov	143.00-37.00
Vol:	2868

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	166.2-66.0
May	172.0-71.6
Aug	174.8-74.2
Oct	175.6-76.4
Dec	180.0-78.2
Mar	183.4-82.8
Vol:	3313

COCOA

Mar	1299-98
May	1334-32
Jul	1358-58
Sep	1385-84
Dec	1409-06
Mar	1435-35
May	1456-55
Vol:	587

COFFEE

Mar	1470-65
May	1485-60
Jul	1495-90
Sep	1529-27
Nov	1560-55
Jan	1590-70
Mar	1600-1580
Vol:	1100

SOYABEAN

Apr	128.0-23.5
Jun	115.5-15.0
Aug	111.2-10.8
Oct	112.0-11.5
Dec	113.7-13.0
Feb	117.0-15.9
Vol:	411

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	926.00-927.00
Three Months	931.00-931.50
Vol	7200
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	893.00-895.00
Three Months	909.00-911.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	301.00-302.00
Three Months	299.50-300.50
Vol	250
Tone	Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	483.00-485.00
Three Months	474.00-476.00
Vol	2750
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	355.00-356.00
Three Months	365.00-366.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	355.00-356.00
Three Months	365.00-366.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	862.00-863.00
Three Months	857.00-858.00
Vol	2100
Tone	Barely Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2490-2495
Three Months	2505-2510
Vol	210
Tone	Easier

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 19

GB: Cattle, 93.16p per kg lw (+0.37)
GB: Sheep 173.01p per kg* (+1.00)
GB: Pigs, 76.96p per kg lw (-0.06)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 2.4 %, ave. price, 93.67p(+0.78)
Sheep nos. up 22.1 %, ave. price, 173.18p(+0.77)
Pig nos. down 3.5 %, ave. price, 77.21p(-0.01)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 5.6 %, ave. price, 91.33p(-1.13)
Sheep nos. up 14.7 %, ave. price, 172.39p(+1.74)
Pig nos. down 2.8 %, ave. price, 70.81p(-1.27)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	Unq.	92.60
Apr	Unq.	96.30
Jun	Unq.	95.80
Aug	Unq.	94.60
		Vol: 3

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	Unq.	95.00
Apr	Unq.	97.50
Jun	Unq.	98.30
Aug	Unq.	97.50
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	116.65	114.05
May	118.15	116.50
Jul	120.05	
Sep	99.35	98.40
Nov	101.50	100.65
Jan	104.35	103.50

Vol: Wheat 1209
Barley 180

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	148.00	150.80
May	169.00	171.00
Nov	89.80	89.30
Feb	97.00	99.00
		Vol: 1305

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	775.0-763.0	771.0
Jul 87	662.0-658.0	662.5
Oct 87	771.5-765.0	771.5
Jan 88	785.0-785.0	785.0

Vol: 196 lots. Open intst: n/a
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
851.0 down 4.5 on 18/2/87

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BRITISH SOCIETY
OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

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A SPECIAL REPORT

By Philippa Toomey

Fifty years that changed the ways of medicine

Every year, four million people consult their doctors because of diseases of the digestive system. But it is still only 50 years ago that attention was first paid to the specialty of gastroenterology.

This year, the British Society of Gastroenterology is marking its Golden Jubilee by making an appeal for research and development for the study of these diseases, the causes of many being still unknown.

Some are common (like constipation, diarrhoea and gastroenteritis). There are also stomach ulcers, hiatus hernias, irritable bowels and gallstones; more serious conditions are ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, cancers of the bowel, stomach, and pancreas, and diseases of the liver, including hepatitis.

Fifty years ago as a young, recently qualified doctor working at St Bartholomew's, Sir Francis Avery Jones attended the first meeting of the Gastroenterological Club, founded by Sir Arthur Hurst.

Now retired, his career as an eminent physician has spanned the first 50 years of the BSG. He has also been instrumental in founding the BDF (British Digestive Foundation), which raises funds for research and education and he was the first editor of the society's magazine, *Gut*.

Sir Francis said: "I qualified in 1934 and began as house physician to Professor Witts. He was interested in blood diseases and also in the gut; all systems lead to the gut, that's why gastroenterologoists have to be general physicians first."

Professor Witts was interested in a new treatment for gastric haemorrage. "In those days it was revolutionary," he said. "It simply consisted of giving the patients food instead of sips of water and ice.

"Everyone threw up their hands in horror at the idea of giving food to someone who was vomiting blood, but it worked, and I was detailed to see what happened."

This was the beginning of his interest in the subject. "When I got to the consultant post at the Central Middlesex Hospital, I was able to build up the department of gastroenterology, which was the first one in the country."

He had, in fact, not been appointed as a gastroenterologist but as a general physician with a special interest in dietetics, merely because Horace Joules, the medical director of the hospital ("a man of vision and a controversial character") had a dietitician and a dietetics department in the hospital.

At that time, Sir Francis points out, "the gut was invisible, impalpable and inaccessible, except at both ends, without an operation or an autopsy."

The introduction of the Wolf Schindler semi-flexible gastroscope (enabling the inside of the stomach to be seen) began a new phase. Sir Francis held the head of the first patient on whom the gastroscope was used, by Harold Rogers, later a Professor of Surgery in Belfast.

The other end of the digestive tract could be looked at by the sigmoidoscope, and Sir Francis was invited to join the staff of St Mark's Hospital in City Road, London, which specialized in diseases of the colon and rectum. St Mark's had concentrated on surgery, and he built up the medical side.

"A little later the liver was opened up by superb work by Professor (now Dame) Sheila Sherlock. She was a pioneer in this country of liver biopsy — which means putting a very small needle into the liver and getting a tiny little snippet to put under a microscope. It opened up a whole new world for pathology, sorting out diseases and improving mangement."

In 1960 "the truly flexible, remarkably safe, fibre-optic endoscopy was introduced, thanks to Professor Hopkins, who was Professor of Optical Physics at Imperial College."

Professor Hopkins had seen the possibilities, and Sir Francis had read an article of his in *Nature*.

"I got Dr Basil Hirschowitz, one of my colleagues, to take up the idea. He tried to get English companies interested, but the inevitable happened and he and the idea went to America. They were a bit slow, too, and now the Japanese have swept the world in fibre-optic endoscopy.

"I think Professor Hopkins had better luck with the zoom lens, which he also invented," said Sir Francis.

"This meant that we could see into the intestine, the duodenum, the liver, the whole of the colon. President Reagan has cause to be grateful for that — and we're grateful to him, too, for publicizing the colon.

"The public sees the gut as a joke, not a threat," said Sir Francis — but bowel cancer comes second to lung cancer as the cause of the largest number of deaths.

Many of the best young men and women were encouraged to go into gastroenterology, and though the society started with 39 members, it now has about 1,200, 1,500 with all the associate members.

Pictures: Leslie Lee

Royal encounter: Princess Michael of Kent, patron of the BSG, with Sir Francis Avery Jones, left, and John Alexander-Williams, the society's president, at its headquarters yesterday

It's what you eat that counts

So much has been discovered in the first half century of gastroenterology, but what does Sir Francis Avery Jones think the future will be? "There has been remarkable progress in understanding the mechanism of symptoms, and the treatment, in a number of diseases," he said, "but unfortunately not in all conditions."

"There are still a number of outstanding problems, because we still don't know the cause of many important diseases, like gastric ulcers, diverticulitis, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, many forms of diarrohea. Once we know the cause, prevention is very much easier."

Sir Francis believes that the immediate development of gastroenterology will be in the field of clinical nutrition: "We have already developed the technique of feeding people intravenously, of supporting nutrition at a time of great stress after serious operations or where the whole of the intestine has been lost, where nutrition is put into a vein, at night, and people can carry on working."

The health of the nation, he points out, depends to a very large extent on the food it eats. "We knew that in the Second World War. The Ministry of Food under Lord Woolton and Sir Jack Drummond ensured that the health of the nation was never better: heart attacks were fewer, diabetes cases were fewer, all the indices of health improved. That of course was based on restriction of food. The emphasis was put on body-building foods, energy food, and protector foods such as salads, vitamins and fresh fruit juice.

The message about fibre and bran was lost

"After the war, with the rise of the affluent society we found that the national helath began to decline in all sorts of ways — ulcers went up, heart attacks went up, everything, right across the board. I think this is due to the change in national diet. There is much more refined food, much more processed food, much more hidden fat, so that people don't quite know how much they are eating, and the refinement of food cut down on the fibre.

Arthur Hurst knew that fibre and bran were good things, but the message was lost in wartime, and though we had fibre in the national bread, we did not identify it at the time — it was called roughage, and many people considered it an irritant."

"Today we recognize that fibre has many physical and chemical properties which make a very useful contribution to health. One point that Lord Woolton and Sir Jack Drummond did not get over was that their balanced diet was excellent, provided people continued to keep up the fibre intake, which they did not.

"We are learning that lesson, and we will get back to a much more sensible diet and lifestyle, with more exercise, less smoking, a modicum of alcohol. Some alcohol is a good thing — the modest drinkers do better than non-drinkers, even with ulcers and heart attacks — drink in moderation, which I suspect should be taken after working hours."

He regards the strength of the BSG as being first and foremost in the clinical field. "Arthur Hurst was a great clinician — he talked to the patients, he listened to them, learnt the natural history of the illness, and then he used new techniques as they emerged, like X-rays, isotopes, electtonics, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunological techniques, and computer technology."

Cats under the X-ray altered a man's life

The founding father of gastroenterology was Sir Arthur Hurst.

Born into a Bradford family which for several generations had been in the wool industry, he went to Manchester Grammar School, where an early experiment by his housemaster using the new Roentgen rays (and his wife's arm) sent the schoolboy off to Oxford.

At Oxford he was awarded a travelling fellowship, and visited several cities, including Boston, where a physiologist was using the new X-rays to study the movement of the alimentary tract in cats.

"He was," says Sir Francis Avery Jones, "a small man, with a very penetrating gaze, remarkably active intellectually." He managed to persuade Guy's to allow him to use the X-ray department to study the progress of barium down the digestive tracts of a series of student volunteers.

"He wrote a classic work on constipation, and during the war was appointed a neurologist at Guy's on the strength of visiting a number of well-known neurologists in Paris duing his travelling Fellowship.

"In fact he devoted the rest of his professional career to gastroenterology.

"He was a great great influence," says Sir Francis "I remember being invited to lunch at the Athanaeum. He was interested in the work I had been doing, and I had a chance to tell him about the work for Professor Witts.

"Sir Arthur was a great internationalist, and kept up very well with developments overseas — a tradition we keep to this day."

He had asthma, and was deaf "but he used his deafness to great effect. He used to sit in the front row listening intently. Then if he got bored or didn't like what was being said, his hearing aid would start making noises, causing consternation to the lecturer.

"He was the founder of British gastroenterology, in every way. There is a man for every time, and he was it."

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Jubilee drive for a million

What is the British Society of Gastroenterology doing to mark its golden jubilee? First it intends to raise £1 million for research and development for seven major projects. They are:

- Peptic ulceration: research into the mechanisms whereby the gastric lining protects itself against its own acid.
- Large bowel (colon) cancer: the most common form, although its cause remains unknown. In the over-60s, two in every 100 die of this disease. There is still no treatment other than an operation, so improved methods of screening and detection are needed.
- Inflammatory bowel disease, causes entirely unknown; diet, the discovery of an infectious agent; and the possibility of allergy to bacteria, viruses or their products of metabolism, are all being investigated, but as yet without definite conclusions.
- Hepatitis: viral hepatitis is a common disease; most patients recover, but some go on to chronic disease which may cause liver failure. Though anti-viral treatments are being researched, effective therapy is not yet available. A vaccine has been developed, but is both expensive and in short supply.
- Gallstones: though very common, their cause remains unknown, though there are clues in diet. An operation is often needed, so the research is into therapy, widely applicable to avoid surgery.
- Cancer of the stomach: research into factors in diet or the environment are linked to this killing disease.
- Bleeding from the gastro-intestinal tract: very common, can be dangerous in the elderly. There are new techniques for stopping the bleeding without surgery.

For the non-specialist, ordinary member of the public, Dr Gordon Sladen has devised a road show for the British Digestive Foundation. A series of posters covering the main areas of gastroenterology in terms understood by both medical and lay audiences will be on display over the next four or five months.

It will travel by van to 18 provincial centres, where the local organizers — BSG members in association with patient welfare groups, like the Coeliac Society and the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's disease (NACC) — are putting on meetings, symposiums and lectures, in places like hospital out-patients sections, town halls and shopping centres.

Dr Sladen sees the aim as being to try to get lay people interested in gastroenterology. There will be an audio-visual explaining the processes of absorption and digestion in the gut, but the idea is to present the importance of new advances to people with basic medical knowledge.

The BDF has also made a start on explanatory leaflets, with *All about gallstones* and *All about diverticulitis* (from BDF, Room D, 7 Chandos Street, London W1A 2LX). The NACC has a series of booklets, including a glossary of terms used in inflammatory bowel disease (98a London Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire).

To the British Society
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The growing speciality

"I'm only the fourth surgical President of the BSG. It's a considerable honour in Jubilee Year," said John Alexander-Williams, consultant surgeon at the General Hospital, Birmingham. The early days of the BSG, with 39 original members in the Gastroenterology Club, saw a preponderance of physicians.

"Gastroenterology was part of general medicine," said Mr Alexander-Williams. "Fifty years ago, any physician could deal with all the ills that came his way. If he was a clever consultant physican he would deal with hearts and livers, and surgeons similarly dealt with bones and brains. Fifty years ago cardiology became a specialty.

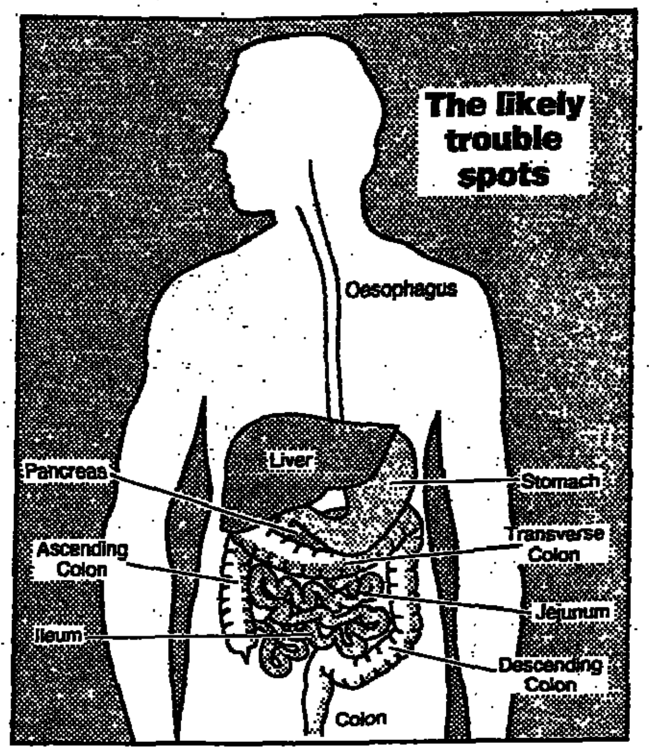
"When there was enough of a concentration of cases that you could do something about, it became worthwhile to make it a specialty. It began as a very small group, almost a dining club. They all knew each other well, and they were the specialists in London.

"Obviously there was a greater chance to specialize in London. I come from Birmingham, and I don't think there was anyone from Birmingham in the initial group."

By that time, as he points out, in all the leading cities there was usually one physician making his name in gastroenterology. He cites Lord Moynihan as a surgeon in Leeds who had become "a very narrow specialist, just dealing with stomachs. It was an entirely medical club to begin with, no cutters at all, but clever physicians, who invited surgeons in fairly early on."

It is clear from the history of the BSG that outstanding personalities pushed the study of gastroenterology on through 50 years.

Mr Alexander-Williams said that Birmingham has become a centre of gastroenterology because of the ideas and enthusiasm of Dr Trevor Cooke, who died recently. "There were about three of these men in Birmingham who put gastroenterology on the map, and two of them became Presidents of the BSG."



The digestive tract: it is here that unattractive diseases — considered more of a joke than a threat — occur

In 1947 the essentials for membership of the BSG were more precisely given. Ordinary membership was for "physicians and others who had a special interest in gastroenterology or allied subjects", and the number was restricted to 60. Associate membership was for younger physicians who had a "major, but not necessarily lasting interest". Their number was limited to 15, and they were elected for three years only.

A belief that the society should consist only of people who were really active

By 1952 a large number applied for membership, but the council considered the society should be kept as small as possible, and consist only of people who were really interested and active in gastroenterology. As a concession, the number of members was increased to 65. In 1959 ordinary membership was increased to 100, with associate membership unrestricted, though limited to a maximum of six years.

By 1967 overseas membership was allowed, and in 1970 and 1971 restrictions were lifted on the number of members, and the distinction between ordinary and associate members abolished. In the 1980s the BSG merged with the former British Society for Digestive Endoscopy, and today the total is about 1,500.

It is going to be a busy year for the President, because he intends to spend every weekend in the spring visiting the regional meetings in this country. He is also, in the tradition of leading gastroenterologists, an internationalist.

"A couple of weeks ago I was in Japan — a joint meeting with the Japanese and the Koreans," said Mr Alexander - Williams. "They marvel at our enormous experience — where we see 100 patients, they see two or three.

"I specialize in gut surgery, dealing largely with inflammatory bowel diseases, like Crohn's disease, or ulcerative colitis. I used to devote my life to treating duodenal ulcers, but about 10 years ago the pharmaceutical industry came up with H2 blockers, which put us ulcer surgeons out of business."

He points out that when he was training, a lot of surgeons were specializing in tuberculosis — everyone was going into thoracic surgery — until antibiotics came along, and a whole speciality disappeared.

The nice thing about the gut is that it's so many metres long you can travel down it and land up wherever there is something to do, like an itinerant plumber."

There is, of course, a lot to do. He does some research, and says that, like many people in the BSG, he has people from overseas coming to study. "I usually have a lot of Americans — at the moment I have a Canadian and a Colombian working with me, and a research Fellow from this country."

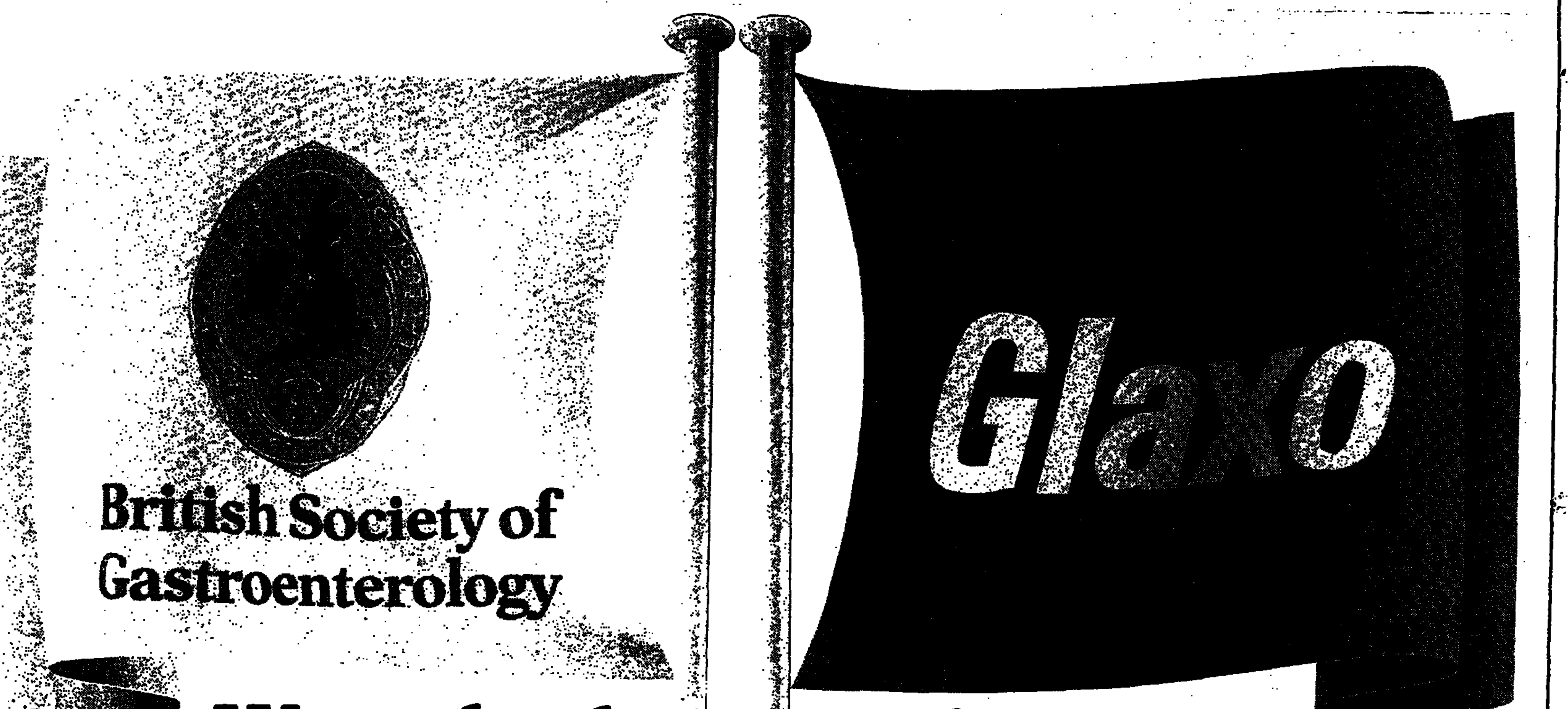
Inflammatory bowel disease in Britain, he said, has a higher incidence than the rest of the world, where it is just making its presence felt. "There are enormous geographical differences. For example it's very common in Scandinavia, commoner in Scotland than the South of England.

"It doesn't occur very much in the Latin countries. We have a big referral practice from the Mediterranean, where they don't see it much and don't have much experience, so they tend to send us the difficult cases, particularly from Portugal and Italy."

He adds that he used to go to Cairo, where the incidence of inflammatory bowel disease is now low. In western society, peptic and duodenal ulcers are decreasing, but increasing in the Middle East, Far East and in Africa. Gastroenterologists travel to talk about ulcers, because no one here is particularly interested.

Presidents of the BSG travel, too. "Unfortunately I've managed to land two presidencies simultaneously. — I'm President of the International College of Digestive Surgeons (called CICD after its Latin name)," which is why he was in Japan.

"I'm going to the United States in May. There are very considerable links between British gastroenterologists and the Americans. Their association, the AGA, is slightly older than we are. They have invited us to participate in quite a big way this year at their annual meeting, with six of us giving state -of - the art lectures.



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Royal humour: Princess Michael with Dr Gordon Sladen at the opening of the road show, which is designed to increase public awareness of digestive diseases

Low down for funds

The Heart Foundation spends £10 million, Imperial Cancer Research £40 million, and the public contributes £90 million to medical research.

The British Digestive Foundation spent £170,000 last year for a specialty which deals with perhaps 10 per cent of medical work in the country. It does not seem a large sum, and it is part of the reason why an appeal to raise £1 million is going out during the golden jubilee year.

The foundation was set up in 1970 "to raise funds to promote the fuller development of gastroenterological research and education."

As president, Sir Francis Avery Jones points out that the BDF does get funds from other specialist foundations, for the liver and for cancer, and this year the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease has approved a grant of £16,000 (to be matched by a similar grant from the BDF) to establish a two year NACC/BDF joint research fellowship.

In the last three years the NACC has awarded £140,000 in research grants.

"Everyone has one heart, one brain and two kidneys, but the guts are subdivided — gullet, stomach, colon, rectum. *There are major diseases like* ulcers, Crohn's disease and colitis, and BDF covers the lot. We're a bit low down on the list, but we're not bellyaching about it," says Sir Francis. "It's a challenge".

The BDF acts as the main resource for the British Society of Gastroenterologists and the applications for fellowships are assessed by the BDF's Scientific and Research Awards Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Douglas Black, past President of the Royal College of Physicians ("so that we don't sit around awarding money to ourselves").

Protecting the stomach

The Derek Crouch Research Fellowship, for example, (one of four BDFFellowships) has been awarded to Dr C. J. Hawkey of University Hospital, Nottingham, for work on the dietary management of ulcerative colitis and the effect of marine fish oil in this condition.

"Fish oils are in the news again," says Sir Francis, "although they've been around for 30 years."

The W. E. C. Knott Research Fellowship has gone to Dr J. M. Rhodes, in the Department of Medicine, Liverpool University, to investigate into colonic mucus struction and function in ulcerative colitis.

"Mucus is splendid stuff, protective, lubricant, it serves a very important function protecting the stomach and the whole of the gut, and the more we learn about it the better," said Sir Francis.

He regards Named Fellowships as a very good idea. Anyone can have a fellowship named after them, but it shouldn't stop people giving the small sums towards the next piece of equipment or the next fellowship. But the aim is to study man, rather than animals.

There is also a joint Fellowship with the British Heart Foundation which went to Dr.Christopher Day, for a study concered with alcoholic liver disease.

"The Medical Research Council is coping with the academic side, the pharmacological industries are doing very good work — a considerable proportion of the new treatments come from pharmacological firms, and we have a niche to study the natural history of these diseases, new treatments and new ideas as they emerge," he said.

"Sometimes we take a wrong decision. The MRC can't afford to do that — but we can take more risks than a government body, and by and large I think our research is efficient and effective"

If there is one thing Sir Francis worries about, it is the title of the British Digestive Foundation.

"Everyone thinks of biscuits. I have hankered after calling it the Gut Foundation, like our magazine. But it seems that the world is not yet prepared for this." All suggestions are welcome.

The time for checks

There are many aspects of research involved in the field of gastroenterology, and two of them are prevention and detection. At St Mark's Hospital in London (which specializes in diseases of the rectum and colon) Professor John Leonard Jones is interested in screening for the disease.

"The object is prevention of a major problem," he says. "Colon and rectal cancer is the most common after lung cancer".

One of the more important aspects of the condition is that, as in most cancers, the earlier you spot it, the better the chances are for survival. If it is neglected, it is curable in perhaps 50 per cent of cases. If caught early enough, the proportion goes up to 90 per cent.

The condition is detected by minute amounts of blood in the stool detected by chemical *testing.*

"It's not a popular screening," says Professor Leonard Jones, pointing out that people don't want to be bothered, and economically it is very expensive indeed, and endoscopy is not feasible as a general technique, and nor is the double contrast barium test — which involves a barium lining and air to see if anything is projecting. But this is not really part of screening.

Sigmoidoscopy (looking at the lower part of the bowels) has good results.

However, the point is to concentrate on people who run a high risk, rather than the population in general.

A good reason for a test

There is the problem of giving genetic advice to families in which cancer runs. "We could be swamped with work, but we are hoping to set up a colorectal cancer screening scheme with the help of Imperial Cancer Research."

If, he says, cancer is in the family, when you have a *brother with cancer at 40, or a* sister with cancer at 50, this would be a very good reason *to test.*

What is the optimal time for the first test and the optimal interval between checks? Is it every year? Every other year?

People who have already had polyps (like President Reagan) should have checks, and any rectal bleeding should be investigated at once. People who have some forms of colitis or chronic inflammation of the colon do have a risk later on in their lives.

"They screen a lot more in *the United States," says Pro*fessor Leonard Jones, "because they spend a lot more money on health than we do. But it's just as important as screening for the cervix, or breasts — only people don't really want to know about it."

St Mark's is a specialist hospital and has records going back for a long time in its 150 years or so — they have on their files the histories of between 200 and 300 families with a very rare condition which can now be dealt with by preventive surgery when *the sufferers are teenagers or* young adults.

Puzzle of the peptic ulcer

Dr Ken Heaton, a reader in medicine, and honorary consultant physician at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, has a passion for diet.

"It is a big question which has fuelled my research for the last 18 years. Fortunately during that time interest has grown among the public who are much more interested in whole foods and healthy eating," he said.

At the moment there is a great deal of information, a huge area of research, and perhaps more theory than fact. It is extremely hard to prove that one set of eating patterns in different groups of people produces (or does not produce) diseases. "We have built up the probability, but there can be a weakness in the arguments."

In Europe, colorectal cancer is common, particularly in Scotland, whereas inflammatory bowel disease is more common in South Wales. He *cites Crohn"s disease* (a particularly nasty condition, which can affect any part of the digestive tract, the cause of which is unknown, and for which there is no cure).

"An investigation into diet had been done before the disease showed itself and there are now 15 or 16 reports on it. Every time it shows that, people with Crohn's disease eat more sugar than most people, even up to 60 or 70 per cent more.

It is likely that a high sugar intake increases the risk, although sugar does not cause it.

"We could have half the liver diseases and two-thirds of pancreatitis if only people drank sensibly. Alcohol is a drug, and if you could think of it as a toxic agent, you would ask yourself how much you should take."

Dr. Heaton is particularly interested in dietary fibre, which is, he says, a huge area of research. "Fortunately the profession is gradually being persuaded about the importance of dietary fibre, but there are still sceptics and huge areas of ignorance."

One of the biggest advances, Dr Heaton says, is the imporance of starch — contained, for example, in bread and potatoes, and now back in favour in the national diet.

The intestine does not, apparently, digest all the starch, thus giving the colon something to do, keeping it exercised and healthy.

One of Dr Heaton's particular interests is the fineness with which flour is milled — "the more finely wheat and other grains are milled, the more completely they are digested — a modern achievement, but we want to see if it has got to do with changes in illness."

There are changes, of *course. "There's the mystery* of the disappearance of peptic and duodenal ulcers, beginning in the early part of the century, and still declining." But there is a great deal still to do.

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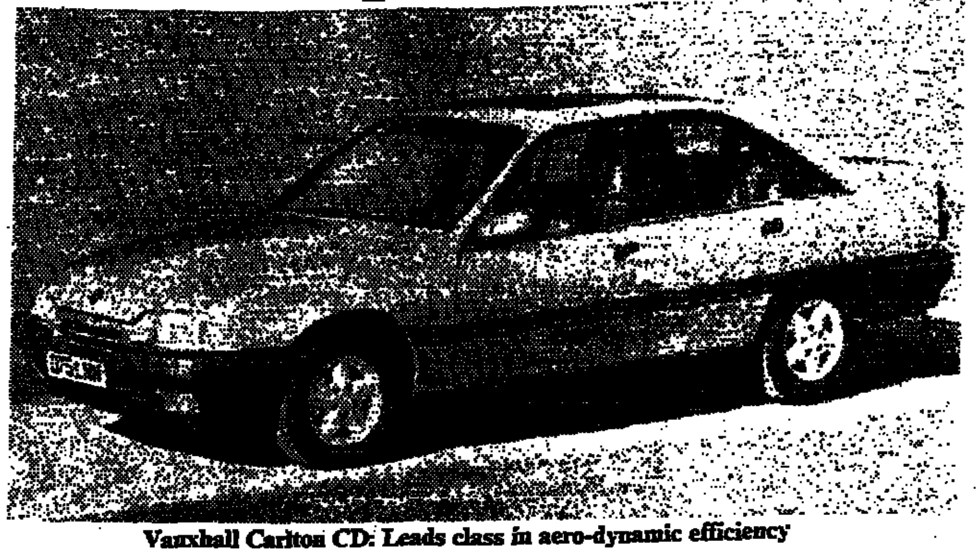
Vauxhall Carlton proves its worth

I was surprised when the Vauxhall Carlton was voted Car of the Year 1987. Initial trial runs had suggested that while it was a competent new contender in the upper medium sector with lots of interesting new technology it fell short of the requirements of an outstanding car.

Now that I have lived with a Carlton for much longer and driven it over my regular test routes I am beginning to appreciate why 57 of my British and European colleagues thought it was the best of the bunch and why delivery dates are four to five months away and lengthening.

All Carltons are produced at Opel's Russelheim plant in West Germany. To improve availability an extra 800 workers have been taken on there and production of nearly 9,000 Opel Asconas (Cavaliers) switched to Vauxhall's Luton plant.



Vauxhall Carlton CD: Leads class in aero-dynamic efficiency

Vital statistics

Model: Vauxhall Carlton 1.8i CD automatic.

Price: £12,388 plus £647 (auto).
Engine: 1796 cc injected.

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Even more significant, and unlike the Ford Sierra and some other low-drag cars, this aid to better fuel consumption and improved performance has not been achieved at the expense of high speed stability in cross winds.

Vauxhall boasts that this is partly due to a new suspension lay-out called Advance Chassis Technology (ACT). The most interesting feature is the provision of a tiny amount of rear-wheel steer. I confess that the whys and wherefores of the technology baffle me but the fact is that the outcome is the best handling and most reassuring General Motors car to date.

The model on test was the 1.8i CD automatic. CD indicates that it is Vauxhall's best equipped version. Standard fittings include velour cloth seats, adjustable steering wheel, cruise control, six speaker stereo-radio-cassette player, power steering, sunroof, electric windows all round and green tinted glass. Central locking is standard on all Carltons as are the new "deadlock" security locks.

Automatic transmission costs an extra £647 and in my view is money well spent. The new four-speed system with an overdrive top and a "lock-up" converter to save fuel is a perfect match for the 114 bhp fuel injected engine. It has another highly desirable feature which for some inexplicable reason Vauxhall does not advertise — a button on the gear selector lever which cuts out the overdrive top and brings it back in with no physical effort on the part of the driver.

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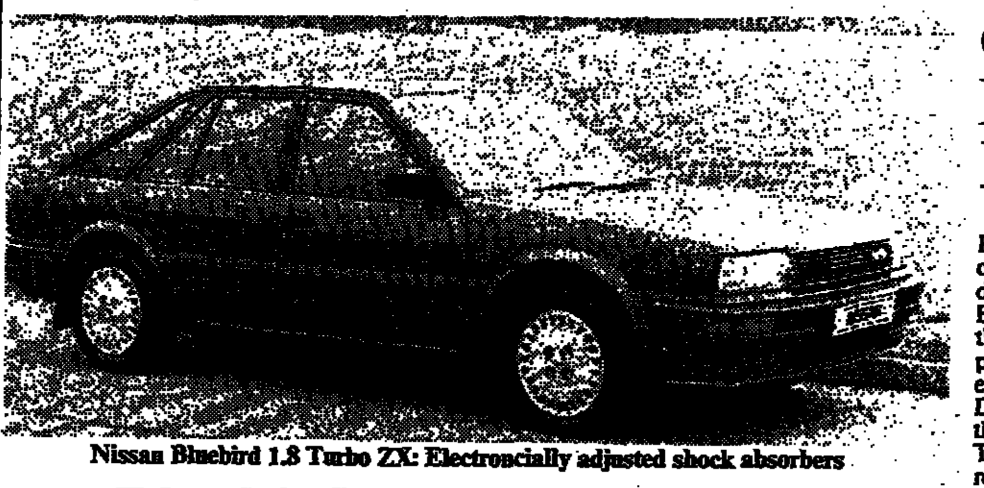

Nissan Bluebird 1.8 Turbo ZX: Electroncially adjusted shock absorbers

Bluebirds move up market

Nissan's British factory only opened a few months ago but management has already increased the range of Bluebird models assembled there. They now include two up-market versions — a pretty good indication that the Japanese are more than happy with the quality at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Initial production was restricted to popular priced 4-door saloons. Surprisingly quickly they added the Turbo ZX version of the saloon powered by the 1.8 fuel injected and turbo-charged engine already seen in the very sporty Silvia. Now they have begun production of 5-door hatchbacks including a turbo ZX version.

The 135 bhp engine gives a top speed of over 120 mph and will accelerate from 0-60 mph in 8.9 seconds. Nissan claims that the electronically adjustable shock absorbers are unique on this class of car. Equipment includes power steering, central locking, electric windows and electric door mirrors. The hatchback costs £10,994 while the saloon is £225 cheaper.

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Tiny clothing companies in east London, only a few hundred yards from the towers of the Stock Exchange, and innumerable international banks, are being scrutinized by such groups as Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, as candidates for possible funding.

The Kleinwort programme, starting on £6,500 a year, is to begin next month, offering the bank's expertise to businesses such as the many firms run by the large Bengali community in Tower Hamlets, said Mr John Hyatt, London director of Business in the Community, the employers' group established to revive inner cities.

BiC, which has been concentrating much of its effort up to now on Scotland and depressed areas such as Calderdale, Halifax, in northern England, launched the London campaign last week at a conference addressed by the Lord Mayor.

Another proposed scheme will "adopt" a small patch of run-down Finsbury Park in north London – left a virtual no-man's land, according to local people, between Hackney, Islington, and Haringey – and City firms are proposing seedcorn capital to narrow the gulf between the City's rich and the poor on its fringes.

A third scheme, the South London Business Initiative, has been operating in Brixton, south London, for six months, sponsored by 19 companies, to give advice in Lambeth and Southwark. Dr Wally Baker, its director, said that a loan fund was being set up, and help was going to 14 small companies.

Later plans for London are to take in dockland, where the local community's anger at developments such as Canary Wharf, considered the biggest in north-west Europe, has taken the form of poster campaigns lamenting that "big money is moving in."

He's riding along on the crest of a wave

By Roger Pearson

Tris Cokes, from Redruth, Cornwall, has built a thriving business around his teenage obsession of surfing on the waves that crash ashore on the beaches close to his home town of Redruth in Cornwall.

Cokes, now aged 36, and his company, Limited Edition, have an international market in the highly- specialized and competitive manufacture of custom-built surf and wind surf boards.

The company, on the Cardew Industrial Estate at Redruth, has an annual turnover of £500,000, and makes its boards in 5,000 sq ft of factory production space.

The workforce, which fluctuates between eight and 15, turns out about 1,000 boards a year. Wind surf boards, as opposed to straight surf boards, now account for about 90 per cent of output and sell on average for £450 each. In 1987 the hope is to double output.

A business which was set up in a disused Cornish bus shelter

There appears to be no shortage of demand: Britain has an estimated 250,000 wind surfing enthusiasts, and sales are booming. The company reckons to capture 60 per cent of United Kingdom "custom board" sales, and has a flourishing export trade. About 50 per cent of output meets export demand from, at the last count, 25 different countries. Much of the business comes from the Canary Isles.

Limited Edition began by accident rather than design, when a fellow surfer asked Cokes, then 18, whether he had made his board himself, as many surfers do, and whether he would make another to order.

Tristran Cokes: '1,000 boards a year'

Cokes, who had never made a surf board but who was unemployed at the time, took up the challenge, studied working with fibreglass, and set up in business in a disused bus shelter on the beach at Porth Towan.

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Wings being bled white

Simon Barnes

Rugby is, let us be frank, a dirty game. You can get mud *all over* you when you play. After the last international *against Ireland, the England* boys came off the pitch absolutely *filthy*. Well, most of them did. As they trooped off, black with mud, there were two of them clad in whites so clean and sparkling they looked as if they were about to play a few sets on Centre Court at Wimbledon.

Were they non-triers, like unlucky lads forced against their wishes to turn out for Drake House juniors 2nd XV, and who run the other way when the ball comes? Not a bit of it. They happened to be two of England's best players. Neither do they lack heart. They really would not have minded getting their shorts dirty.

"I received two passes in the entire match," Mike Harrison said. "Rory Underwood didn't have one. Oh, and once a kick came straight to me." Underwood and Harrison are England's two wings. To be a wing, to be an *England* wing, is something that requires a few very fine qualities. Speed and courage are useful. But most importantly, a wing requires a *forgiving nature*.

A wing spends most of his time watching forwards jumping up in the air and pushing each other about, and occasionally batting the ball or stamping on it. Every now and then the ball comes out to the scrum half, who kicks it. For variation, he sometimes passes it to the stand-off. Then the stand-off kicks it. "That's the first rule of rugby football," Bill Beaumont said on the telly. "Get the ball off the park." Beaumont used to play rugby himself, though not, I believe, on the wing.

But everyone who ever watches rugby, even Beaumont, loves to see the ball spinning out to the backs, to see chaps running at and past *and through other chaps, to* see the ball whirling from hands to bostik-coated hands, till the wing, moving easily at 30mph, casually scoops the ball up with one easy gesture and, leaving his marker looking the wrong way, accelerates, tightrope-sprinting along the touchline to o'erleap the full back's despairing dive and dot the ball down with a what's-all-the-fuss-about shrug. That's rugby.

The French and the Australians do it all the time. They win matches by hurling the ball around with venom and purpose. So why don't England? Especially when they have two wings of talent, speed *and heart in Underwood* and Harrison? "England *were* trying to pass the ball," Harrison said. "We had been practising hard to play a more expansive game.

Harrison: The forgiving player who could do with a free hand at Twickenham tomorrow

"But you can't do it without the ball," Harrison said. "And the thing is, we didn't win clean ball. You just can't run bad ball. This is especially true when you are playing an international." 'Bad ball' means that pressure and untidyness have caused small but crucial fragments of time to be lost as the ball is processed by the forwards. The initiative, the moment, is lost. It is already too late to *spin the ball out wingwards*. "We needed clean ball and we didn't get it," Harrison said forgivingly.

Of course, there are degrees of badness. One wonders if the safe option is not taken every time the ball is less than utter perfection. When in doubt, kick. And when not in doubt, obviously you kick. "But even without the ball, you are contributing, providing an option," Harrison said. Surely only nice men ever play long on the wing.

"The last match was frustrating," Harrison said when hard-pressed. "At least, it was frustrating afterwards. I didn't find it frustrating at the time. *I only play to enjoy* anyway. I have a job to do out there, and I am concentrating on it all the time. You don't have time to think about your frustrations until later."

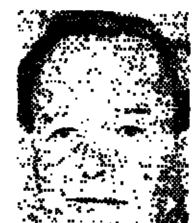
Even then, Harrison is not frustrated with his team colleagues. "We all share a simple philosophy. We want to *take people on. We have* confidence in each other's ability. Everyone in the entire team wants to play a more expansive game."

Harrison captained the North to the Divisional Championship, which included a memorably expansive drubbing of London. This boy *should captain England, many* said. "We really threw the ball around, and not haphazardly, either. It was superb rugby. Nobody likes to be run at, you see, there's nothing worse than people running at you. Shuttling the ball across the pitch, that's easy to defend against. If you run, you *make* gaps. To *do that, you need people to* be alert. You need quick ball. It's quick hands that make the overlap. But the thing is, the whole team must work for it."

But even with the best will in the world, England wings always seem to end up looking like spectators. Less involved than many spectators. "When you start to play international *rugby, you learn that* the chances are very few. They just don't come along every two minutes. You must concentrate all the time, so that you are prepared to take the moment when it comes and set it alight. You must concentrate all through the game for the moment when the ball does come, *and know exactly what* you will do to the man in front of you. You don't have time to feel frustrated. Not till afterwards."

Tomorrow, England play France at Twickenham. France will throw the ball about a bit for sure. "I just hope that we can play our more *expansive game against* them," Harrison said. Indeed, we all hope that the ball will come spinning out to him, and give him the chance to set wings to his heels. But an England wing is a man who seems to live his life in perpetual hope and perpetual disappointment. I read a line in *Moby Dick* the other day. "There, then, he sat, the sign and symbol of a man without faith, hopelessly holding up hope in the midst of despair." Melville (Herman, not Nigel) was actually writing about an infidel harpooneer. But Harrison will know what he meant all right.

Short and simple way to rekindle England's fire



Excessive coaching is to blame for the England rugby team's unadventurous approach, according to **DICK JEEPS** (left), former chairman of the Sports Council, one-time captain of the side and past president of the RFU

I played for England between 1956 and 1962, before coaching was an *au fait* term in rugby and when team preparation often left a great deal to be desired.

Those were the days before weekend squad sessons. We would assemble on a Thursday evening or Friday morning for an afternoon training session before the international on the Saturday.

The Team would take on The Rest, normally the five *reserves plus* the selectors (those fit and young enough), who would act as opposition forwards in set scrums and occasionally as stand-off half. Practice would last, at a moderate pace, for about one to one-and-a-half hours, during which we would try set-piece positions — scrums, lineouts and signals and kick-offs.

When we ran the backs, it was always with the object of getting the ball quickly to the wing three-quarter on the open side. We would then try to pass all the way back again. I look back with happy memories of seeing Jeff Butterfield and Phil Davies (whom people said could not pass) running with power and getting early ball to the likes of Ted Woodward, Peter Thompson and Peter Jackson.

The team talk on the Saturday would be a meeting of all concerned. The chairman of selectors for most of my playing career was Carston *Catcheside, a legendary for*mer wing three-quarter who is reputed to have hurdled an opposing full back in an international match. As chairman, his only remark to the team would be: "Get the ball out to the wing three-quarter, there's fewer players out there."

With that, he and the other selectors would leave the meeting. Then the captain, with the aid of his senior players, would set the scene about how we would go about winning the game. We all looked forward to the game and we always played to win, but we also saw the weekend as a chance to enjoy the camaraderie of the "party" afterwards.

How times have changed with all the coaching manuals, starting, I believe, with a booklet called *A Guide for Coaches* in 1966. England and Wales were responsible initially for the emergence of the coach in the late 1960s, and England appointed in 1969 a coaching organizer, Don Rutherford, based at Twickenham. England later appointed their first coach to the national team, Don White, and the preparation for an international was stepped up to include the Sunday after the final trial and the Thursday and Friday before the match.

In those *days, the England* coach's scope was limited, so he concentrated on developing the forwards. Despite the welcome presence of class backs like David Duckham and John Spencer, England *failed to set the world alight* — in one typical match at Twickenham, in 1970, they led Wales 13-3 only to weaken and finish 17-13 losers, thanks to a try by Chico Hopkins, a "replacement" (another new *term unheard of in my playing* days). This simply showed that England were not fit enough.

However, the position of the coach was, in contrast, to become much stronger over the next decade or so. Whereas the coaching manuals were undoubtedly worth*while products, in emp*hasizing the technical aspects of the game, they tended to obscure the real point of rugby — scoring tries.

Object of the game is to score tries

They also introduced into the vocabulary the "gain line" — and how those two words have *reverberated* through the game. For years we have become obsessed with getting the ball over the "gain line". We see No. 8 forwards pick every good ball from the set scrum to drive forward a yard or two; we see the backs, in defence, stand up to the back foot of the scrum and on the 10-yard line from the lineout (even in attack) because the chief objective seems to have become not the try line but the "gain line".

Our centre three-quarters have been indoctrinated with the idea of the "crash ball" down the middle of the field and, with any ball passed from *stand-off half*, the first thought has been "crash ball" (never a pass to the wing threequarter).

I believe we have lost sight of the idea that the object of rugby football is to score tries and to play to win.

"Good ball" is another coaching term that seems to have applied blinkers to some *of our players*. Now we rule out much of our possession as not being good. I believe "good ball" is when my side have the ball and "bad ball" is when the opposition have it! Rugby is, and always will be, a simple game,, with one side trying to manoeuvre into a situation where, in possession of the ball, they have two players to the opposition's one. The organization of the game has become too complicated.

What can, and should, a coach achieve? I believe his *job is to organize all the set* pieces — scrums, lineouts, kick-offs, penalties — and make sure his team are aware of the opposition's strengths and weaknesses. More importantly, he should ensure *his players are aware of their* individual and collective skills and how they can use those strengths to the team's advantage. Finally, the coach must leave his players with the ability to *think for themselves on the field, and to be able to* change any aspect of the game to their advantage as circumstances arise.

When Don Rutherford was appointed coaching organizer at Twickenham in 1969, there was *little acceptance that* coaching could help, but from that unpromising beginning he has changed the attitude of many clubs — getting them to accept that coaching can aid their club *if used properly*. We now have many coaches throughout England who have passed, with varying degrees, *coaching award diplomas*. The total coaching budget of the Rugby Football Union is now approximately £200,000 per year. And the England squad, the "shop window" of the game, have had more and more weekends of coaching. We, the supporters, await improved results.

It has been a frustrating time for England and their supporters over the past few years but spectators have still managed to derive a great deal of pleasure watching Australia, at both national and schoolboy level, employing a well-coached game where the players are very fit athletes *who run the ball to the wing* with *short* passes. The Wallabies then support around the outside to such good effect that they beat all the home union countries on their tour in 1984.

In last year's Five Nations championship, Scotland used their backs to good effect; and *every year, even when they are* not playing well, the French seem to be able to score tries regularly against the home countries by a series of "miss moves" (sometimes illegally by the ball-carrier running behind members of his team who are thus obstructing the opposition), by occasionally introducing the full back into the line at speed, and by always supporting the wing three-quarters both inside and outside.

The laws of the game are as they appear in the international handbook but, at international level, they are what the particular referee allows on the day. It is no good playing 80 minutes and losing, and then complaining that the referee did not stop certain "misdemeanours".

It seems to me that what is missing from England's thinking is flexibility. If we cannot get possession of the ball, as we could not against Ireland two weeks ago, we must change the pattern of play. We *have to knock the opposition* down and create havoc to get possession of the ball. We should play to our strengths.

I also make this point: If England are playing bad rugby, it is a reflection of the *rugby being* played by the major clubs in England. It is impossible to play for England in a manner that is different from a normal Saturday game.

Youngsters hold key to the future

With sport, and particularly team games, under threat in many of our schools for a variety of reasons, it is vital for the future of English rugby that we get the "shop window" right, for our school youngsters will always monitor their heroes in the international sides.

England's major coaching effort should be aimed at encouraging more youngsters to take up mini-rugby at club level. The object of mini-rugby — a less physical eight-a-side version of the game — is to introduce youngsters to the best practices and spirit of rugby. It is already proving to *be popular* but it will continue to need a great deal of help and organization at club level, as well as the involvement of many committed parents as coaches and as drivers to ferry youngsters around. The tidal wave of youngsters playing mini-rugby must be converted successfully into the full 15-a-side game at under-14, under-15 and colts levels within the clubs.

When I see young players with lovely skills, able to pass, run and side-step, I want to see them encouraged to use those skills in 15-a-side rugby and for England to set an example in the "shop window" of the *future*, by *becoming* more imaginitive and by getting away from stereotyped predictability.

I implore the England players against France tomorrow to take the game by the scruff of the neck and to have a real go with terrific spirit and to get the home crowd behind us.

Fouroux guards against Twickenham backlash

By Chris Than

France come to Twickenham tomorrow apprehensive at the prospect of facing an England backlash following the scathing criticism that greeted their sorry performance against the Irish in Dublin. But it is a familiar scenario for Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, and he has *made sure that his players* will not be lulled into a false sense of security.

"Playing away is always difficult *for us. Playing at* Twickenham adds to the psychological burden; we haven't won there for two years," Fouroux said. "Besides, there is a lot of pride at stake. England must feel the same as we felt after the first international in Toulouse when we were crucified by the Press. The criticism must have hurt the England players and I am *aware that* a backlash is possible.

"I am quite vigilant and I will never make the mistake of *disregarding the opposition*. In fact I have a great deal of respect for the English side and I try to make the rugby fraternity in France *understand* that being favourites on paper has little bearing on the actual game and it can be counter-productive."

Fouroux was given a hard time by the French media after the Welsh game. He was criticized again for what the Press perceived as a marked lack of enterprise and initiative by the French side. On the other hand the French coach felt, and he said so, that the more experienced French backs Sella, Blanco and even Charvet, did not do enough to help the young stand-off half, Frank Masnel, to cope with pressure of such an encounter.

This was the main reason for bringing back into the squad the old hand, Guy Laporte. If Masnel does not deliver tomorrow, we may see the 1981 grand slam half back pairing of Berbizier-Laporte again in action *against Scotland*.

Fouroux was also critical of Dubroca, the captain, and Berbizier. He felt that it took them too long to vary the lineout in the first half against the Welsh and that some of their tactical decisions were questionable.

"The players and I share the responsibility for what goes on but I can do only that much," Fouroux said. "They are out there on the park and if they choose to play a certain game I *can do little about it* although we may have talked about it in advance. The game against England is going to be a great and *difficult* battle. *We come to* Twickenham to win, not to produce a spectacle. Or put it like this, we want to win and entertain but *in that order*."

Confusion in Wales over the dearth of enlightened men who revel in midfield

By Gerald Davies

Some years ago at the annual pre-season *meeting which the* Welsh selectors hold with members of the Press, to give the broadest outline of what the season has in store and the ambitions they may have for the national team, Carwyn James — the reason for the affectionate memory — asked what the selectors approach might be.

Was it, he wondered almost diffidently, carrying an unassuming air which was part of his spirit, that of choosing the players to fit into an established pattern or *to see, firstly, what* talent was available and then to decide on a style of play. Despite the appearance of innocence, a part of his stock in trade, it was a precisely loaded question.

The chairman of the selection panel, not unexpectedly, in having to reply on behalf of another four, gave a roundabout sort of answer, aware that it might come back to haunt him in the uncertain future.

Others soon chipped in but as is often the case with an answer from a committee, there were many safeguards and subclauses and words finally lacked definition. The idea was soon lost. *I have plumb forgotten* what the answer was now but the question remains clear.

To be fair the reply is not easy. Each coach has his ideas as he approaches the game. Get the man who professes to promote the 15-man game and he will be applauded in a way the man who cherishes a more limited version is not. He is seen as imposing his will on the players. It is the extent of the coach's flexibility that is important, as Jack Rowell from Bath confirms.

The content of the game, as perceived beforehand, must *not* be so disabling as to infect the flamboyant form of the talented man. The coach, as is the case in *other walks of life, must not be* hostile to genius; something the coach nor the handy manual can easily fathom.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the appalling overall standard of centre three-quarter play. They breed no more footballers there and if they are sired they are only sometimes acknowledged; but more often ignored and put out to pasture on the wing. They are seen, in the main, as heavyweight chargers plying their way down the middle or are there simply to plug holes in the defence.

If on a whim they would like a lively sprite to run and dazzle *they will pick a stand-off half*, as Wales have done in recent years in choosing David Richards and Bleddyn Bowen, neither of *whom will have played at centre* for their clubs to begin with.

Clubs no *longer* have such revellers in midfield, only handymen who will do a workaday job. Gone are the days when centres were foremost runners and passers, men of an enlightened class, cultured and clever. The former swank is now without rank, fallen on bad times not of his own making and having to be satisfied with the chores.

Most people would agree what they want their half-backs to be; most people would know of the outrageous ambitions *they have for their wings*. But none of these positions can function at all properly as long as coaches remain bemused as to what their innermost desires are for the centres.

Aware that any flights of fancy may be fragile, the pre-judged notion is that they should be blockers and defenders, hard men who cover the gaps. They are second class citizens of the game.

Palmer and Halliday gave glorious, though brief, intimations of what is possible last Saturday in Bath. Cardiff will have sharper memories when considering their own destruc*tion at the hands of these two*, and Barnes, on a dark night last November.

Of the genuine sparkle of centre three-quarter play we were reminded recently in *Wales by HTV's coverage of the* clubs' Masters tournament from France. Charvet and Codorniou, from Toulouse, mesmerised all those they played against with their running and passing. It will be interesting to see what happens at Murrayfield tomorrow with each team having, as a pairing, playmakers in midfield.

In Wales confusion reigns. The front-runner for one of the centre positions, if he is fit, is Bowen and he has played almost *all his club rugby at stand-off* half. The next in line, if he is not preferred at full-back, is Malcolm Dacey, another stand-off half. And the man most likely to provide excitement and a sense of unalloyed attack is Ieuan Evans — and he now plays on the wing. Such are the arguments, currently in vogue, with no club centres of international class to be had.

Saracens revival

Saracens, upset by Old Reigatians in the John Player Special Cup earlier this month, have given a vote of confidence to the team which then thrashed Blackheath 45-0 last weekend for Sunday's visit to Rosslyn Park for a London merit and John Smith's B table match.

Depleted St Edward's fall at the final hurdle

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Whether it is more daunting to fall at the first or the final *fence is debatable*. **St Edward's College, Liverpool**, after a wonderful season, were beaten for the first time in their last match against **King's, Macclesfield**, but must find consolation in their overall record of: played 15, won 13, lost one, drawn one, scoring 317 points to 93. The draw was against **Birkenhead School**.

St Edward's depleted side led 4-3 at half-time against King's but weakened fatally in the second half, finally going down 18-4. They have enjoyed an excellent run in the past two seasons. St Edward's lost to **Bradford GS** in the final of the *Hull tournament last autumn* and King's Macclesfield are the only other side to beat them since November 1985.

Meanwhile the *Bradford* pantechnicon rolls on apparently invincible. Their latest success was a 50-0 victory over that fine rugby school, **Ermysted's GS**, from Skipton, and now only **Harrogate GS** and the Silcoates 15-a-side festival on March 7 stand in the way of an unbeaten season. The school will tour California.

St Mary and St Joseph's School, Sidcup, have done well this term. They beat **Gravesend GS** 20-3 but will have been even more delighted at their 15-0 victory over **Eltham College**. A squad of 20 will leave shortly for *Belgium, where they will be* hosted by the British School of Brussels. St Mary's will play matches against a Brussels select XV, Liege and the British School.

The 18-Group representative trials come close to their climax this weekend, when the North meet the South East at Doncaster tomorrow and the South West play the Midlands at Berry Hill on Sunday.

Following their 16-0 defeat by **Llandovery**, **St Benedict's** concluded *their short Welsh tour* with a pleasing 14-0 win against **Belmont Abbey** at Hereford. **Stonyhurst's** successes at first *XV level are complemented* by a fine season enjoyed by their prep school, St Mary's, whose record reads: played 14, won 12, lost one, drawn one, points for 404, against 75.

Phil Smith, master-in-charge at **Douai School**, has been slightly embarrassed by a number teams dropping out of his seven-a-side tournament to be held at the school on Sunday, March 15. He would like to hear from two 18-Group school sides who would like to compete and one 16 Group side. He can be contacted at Douai School, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TH. Telephone 0734 713163.

YACHTING

Britons dogged by trail of disasters

By Barry Pickthall

Australia's C-Class catamaran The Edge, sailed by Simon McKeon and David Churcher, retained the Little America's *Cup yesterday, bringing* down the final curtain on an ill-fated ill-prepared British challenger by more than 50 minutes to win this one-sided series on Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne 4-0.

It was the first race that the *British wingmasted* catamaran, The Hinge, had actually managed to complete, after gear failure before or during the other three heats had presented the professional Australian defender with walkovers. However, her *two-man crew, former* Olympic hopefuls John Downey and Keith Bliss can take little solace from this for they finished well outside the five-hour time limit.

Downey, a Concorde pilot with British Airways, who funded much of the £56,000 cost for this campaign himself after failing to attract any sponsorship support at home, has lost a great deal of credibility both for himself and any future British challenge by pursuing a goal that was patently unobtainable this time round.

The Australians too have gained nothing from pressing a last minute cheque for $10,000 into Downey's hands to persuade him to keep his untested boat and the event afloat, and face the wrath of Telecom Australia, their sponsors, for hosting this non-event.

The British pair were forced to call a lay-day at the start of this series after their craft was dismasted within 30 minutes of being put in the water *for the* first time the previous evening; a broken main sheet forced their *retirement* from the first race before the start and both rudders sheered off 20 seconds before the next. In the third race, the pair managed *to reach* the first weather mark well behind the Australians before both *rudders entered right angles*. This tale of disaster would very probably have continued yesterday too had winds been more than the two to six knots that prevailed.

In retrospect, both the British *and Australians would have* gained much more from postponing this once prestige event until next year and allow time for a professional challenge to be mounted.

Power for Merkel

Fred Merkel, the American *superbike champion, will have* his first competitive ride on the new Yamaha 750cc four-stroke machine in the easter weekend TransAtlantic Challenge series at Donington Park and Brands Hatch. The Californian will be backed for the first time by the Honda USA team

Closing in on Brazil

Philippe Jeantot, the Frenchman leading the BOC single-handed round-the-world race, was within 700 miles of Rio de Janeiro yesterday, the third stopover port in this 27,000-mile circumnavigation, heading towards a 35-day record for the 8,250-mile stage from Sydney around Cape Horn — to clip a massive 13 days off the previous best *time (Barry Pickthall* writes).

Jeantot and his 60ft yacht, Credit Agricole III, continues to be pressed hard by second leg winner Titouan Lamazou, whose similar sized Class I *entry, Ecureuil d'Aquitaine, had* closed to within 60 miles of his compatriot yesterday, to promise a close finish this weekend.

A further 600 miles divides these two front runners from the third placed, UAP Medecins Sans Frontieres, sailed by Jean-Yves Terlain.

BASKETBALL

Deacon's tea cup runneth over

By Nicholas Harling

The hot brew served up should taste that much *sweeter* for John Deacon at half-time tonight when his club, HFS Portsmouth take on last season's champions, Sharp *Manchester United*. While the proletariat head for the bar for their refreshment, Deacon and his wife Joan will continue to enjoy their own waitress tea service, which provides a special bourgeois touch to Portsmouth's *home matches* at the Mountbatten Centre.

No-one bedgrudges him the special favour that comes with being chairman, least of all tonight which will be party night, win or lose. For Ports*mouth, the club, first* rescued by Deacon and then given an entirely new identity, are to be presented with the Carlsberg National League championship for the first time.

Barely two years after Deacon transferred the franchise of the financially-stricken Telford club to Portsmouth, the avuncular millionaire has completed the first half of what should by May be a double. He has been far better known these last 14 years as chairman of Portsmouth FC, who are on the brink, at last, of regaining the first division status they lost in 1959.

Aged, 74, a former mayor of Southampton, whose city council he has served for 17 years, *most men of his age would have* happily settled for that. But Deacon, now an honorary alderman, had for long hankered after the extra involvement of having his own basketball club, his interest no doubt galvanised by Martin Edwards *doing* the same for Manchester United.

To a certain extent, Deacon has given lie to the maxim that money cannot buy success. For in haste that was almost indecent, he bought himself an entirely new team under a coach, Danny Palmer.

Had Alan Ball, as manager of *Portsmouth FC, brought in* as many as 10 new players, his sanity would have been questioned. But as Deacon admits: "You couldn't possibly run a football club like that. You can't buy instant success in football because *it's more of a team* game."

Instant success was indeed denied Portsmouth *last season* by the kind of inexplicably bad run that Polycell Kingston, their championship rivals have just suffered.

The promotion of Dan Lloyd, from player to player/coach as *Palmer's successor raised a few* eyebrows at first, but with the help of a little fatherly advice from Deacon in the ears of some of the more wayward personalities, who had been beyond the control of Palmer, Lloyd has succeeded where his predecessor did not.

MOTOR RALLYING

End of the supercars

By a Correspondent

A new era in British competition begins on Saturday when *the National Breakdown* Rally in Yorkshire is the first event to run under radically changed rules. Last year's high-powered supercars have been banned and all events have been reduced in length and time.

The emphasis is on mass-produced production cars and for the opening event in the Shell Oil's RAC Open Championship the battle will be between Ford, Peugeot, Audi and Vauxhall-Opel.

The two-day event, which starts from Bradford, is potentially the fastest round on loose surfaces and the fairly straight tracks will suit the Vauxhall-Opel trio of Russell Brookes, Andrew Wood and Pentti Airikkala, of Finland, driving Mantas.

RACING: HENDERSON AND GIFFORD CAN COLLECT SANDOWN DOUBLES

Alone Success to triumph again before Festival confrontation

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Doubles for those successful trainers Nicky Henderson and Josh Gifford look the order of the day at Sandown Park this afternoon.

Henderson should collect the first and last races at the Esher track with **Alone Success** (2.0) and **Mandavi** (4.40) while Gifford has bright prospects with **Comandante** (3.40) and **Catch Phrase** (4.10).

Alone Success, my selection for the Birchwood Novices' Hurdle, burst upon the Triumph Hurdle scene when winning his first race at Sandown 13 days ago and he is now firmly entrenched as second favourite for what is regarded as the four-year-olds championship at Cheltenham next month.

To say that Henderson was pleasantly surprised watching Alone Success stride up the hill seven lengths ahead of the favourite Aldino would be an understatement. "Just when I expected him to blow up he ran on, but he will still come on for it, mark my words," the delighted trainer said afterwards.

Alone Success went about his business in impressive style and I consider him superior to the other course and distance winner, Flying Benny, who was emphatically beaten by Past Glories at Newbury last Friday.

Mandavi, the supremely easy winner of another race on the same Newbury programme, can round off Henderson's day by also winning the Cardinal Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle for which he does not look harshly treated even with a 4lb penalty.

Henderson is clearly striking while the iron is hot and conditions are in his favour because the handicapper is bound to take a tougher line in the future in view of the way that Mandavi treated Beech Road. Gallant Buck and Juven Light with such disdain at Newbury.

Comandante, the winner of two bumpers at Sandown last season, will make his fourth visit to the course for the EBF Novices' Hurdle (qualifier). He has a favourite's chance following that highly promising first run over hurdles there a fortnight ago when finishing fourth to Protection, Special Vintage and The A Train, all previous winners.

Stable companion **Catch Phrase** should only have to run as well as he did against Stearsby in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase in January to win the Stanley Handicap Chase. In the meantime, Catch Phrase was out of his depth when taking on Desert Orchid and company in the Gainsborough Steeplechase but he was not disgraced in the circumstances.

The Stand Novices' Chase can go to the former Imperial Cup winner Dalbury who was almost upsides First Bout and Comeragh King when falling at the last fence in a similar race two weeks ago. Before that, he had safely negotiated the tricky Sandown fences to finish a highly commendable second to that good horse Tawridge, beaten only a couple of lengths.

Somerled and Blackfeet have both made the long trip from Scotland for the Sweet Pain Of Love Handicap Chase with a recent form line through Allten Glazed indicating that Somerled may have more than just a few pounds in hand of his Scottish rival even though the handicapper has them on the same mark. Also, Somerled enters the fray fresh from beating Badsworth Boy at Kelso.

But it is at Edinburgh that I have gone in search of the day's best bet. My nap is entrusted to **Coulters Candy** who, ridden by that good amateur Sandy Dudgeon, can confirm last Saturday's Ayr form with Flying Ace in the Fife Hunt Club Cup. Coulters Candy clearly ran the race of his life finishing within two lengths of Earls Brig at Ayr and Flying Ace, 12 lengths back in third place, has a lot to make up in only a short time.

At Fakenham, I fancy **Medway Gauntlet**, following that good effort against Claude Monet at Huntingdon last week, to win the Sandringham Handicap Chase

Chance for Coulters Candy

Against expectations, Flying Ace was well beaten by Coulters Candy at Ayr last Saturday when they occupied the minor places behind Earls Brig (Brian Beel writes). Both reappear quickly in today's Fife Hunt Club Hunter Chase at Edinburgh, but there is no reason to expect the positions to be reversed. Navigational Aid has shown he is well forward by winning the open race at the Old Raby point-to-point but COULTERS CANDY is preferred.

In the Walter Wales Memorial Cup at Fakenham, Broderick Munro-Wilson can come out best on the ex-handicap chaser W SIX TIMES.

Neale Doughty, seen here giving his 1984 Grand National winner Hallo Dandy a comforting pat, hopes to resume riding at Newcastle tomorrow after recovering from a shoulder injury

Fit-again Doughty eagerly returns to weighing room

By John Dorman

Neale Doughty, sidelined with a shoulder injury since November, returns to race-riding on Potato Picker for Malcolm Jefferson at Newcastle tomorrow.

Doughty rode out for the Malton trainer earlier this week and reported no reaction to his right shoulder, which was operated on after he dislocated it in the finish of the Fighting Fifth Hurdle, also at Newcastle.

"I did a couple of canters and rode a bit of work", he said, "and there were no problems. I'm very happy with it." He rode out again yesterday, followed by a gallop at Edinburgh today in readiness for his comeback.

The injury, the third time it had happened, could not have come at a worse time for the Cumbria-based Doughty, who turned freelance this season after being with Gordon Richards at Greystoke for several years.

"We had a few disagreements and I thought I'd be better away", he said. "I expected things to be hard for a while when I went freelance, but I was getting quite a few rides. We had a bad autumn because of the dry weather, but things got busy again, then this happened."

The 1984 Grand National winning jockey also revealed that he had been advised to have the operation two years ago, but had decided against it.

He explained: "In the middle of March 1985 I was second or third in the jockeys' table when I dislocated it for the second time. It meant that I couldn't ride Hallo Dandy again in the National but I thought that if I had extensive physiotherapy and wore a harness to ride, I could get back in the saddle quite soon and still have a tilt at the title."

When the injury occurred again, three months ago, Doughty had no option but surgery. "The operation involved moving the tendon round on my shoulder and stapling it to my arm," he reported. "Basically, it has tightened up my shoulder, and has been a complete success. I won't need to ride in a harness any more.

"I have been working hard in the gym and been running and swimming, and I feel very strong. I saw Hugh Barber, the consultant surgeon, on Monday and he passed me fit and Dr Michael Allen said if that was the case I could resume riding."

Fit and bronzed after two weeks in Tenerife, Doughty is looking forward to returning to the weighing room. He hopes to have a few mounts at Cheltenham next month, but, as he says, "I'm really looking for something good to ride at Liverpool." It is obvious that he has only one particular race in mind.

Prospects bright

Yesterday's Taunton meeting was abandoned because of frost. Prospects are good for today's three meetings at Sandown Park, Edinburgh and Fakenham and no inspections are planned.

POINT-TO-POINT

Harwood colours back in full glory

By Brian Beel

The now familiar big black H on red and yellow colours were much in evidence in the early Sixties when Guy Harwood proved to be a formidable opponent on the Southern point-to-point circuit.

Now, 20 years later, on these same courses, and some further afield, a young woman wearing those same colours is showing similar skills.

Amanda Harwood first hit the headlines last season because of who she was. Within a few weeks this had changed to what she could do.

Her first ride in public, only a month after her 16th birthday, was on Lawn Meet at the Staff College meeting at Tweseldown where she was literally thrown in at the deep end in a 16-horse mixed open race in which many of the top riders were competing.

That she was able to split such accomplished performers as Mike Felton and Alison Dare in coming second was a feat worthy of note.

Winter then set in and six weeks passed before she rode her first winner, Red Shah, whom she brought home, on the same course, almost a fence in front of the next horse. This started a remarkable spell in which she had five successive winners.

The record was only spoilt when, in a clear lead on Red Shah at Cowdray Park on Easter Monday, she was unseated.

All her 14 successes were on the same two horses even though a third, Hurry Up Henry, was acquired halfway through the season only to prove her one disappointment. This total put her in second place behind Alison Dare in the ladies' championship.

Miss Harwood learnt to ride at the age of five and progressed through pony club events to show jumping and eventing. She first started riding work for her father when only 11 and since then has ridden many of the stable's stars.

Red Shah will probably only have one more race in point-to-points this season and this will be at Tweseldown in eight days time when, hopefully, they will qualify for the RMC Ladies' Championship at Chepstow on Spring Bank Holiday Monday.

After Tweseldown, he will be confined to hunter chasing save for his main objective, the Four-Mile National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham.

Lawn Meet will have only two or three more points before he also graduates to hunter chases so her main hope this season for winners between the flags, to add to her double on the opening day, will be on Only For Love who may continue his campaign at Ampton tomorrow.

Though she would like to ride round Aintree, it is not over jumps that Miss Harwood's main ambition lies. She would like to become champion amateur woman rider on the Flat where she made a most promising start last season with seven winners from 18 rides.

At present, she is looking after the three pointers in the Pulborough yard before going to college in the autumn. Plans further ahead are to become an assistant trainer and eventually to take over from her father and become the mistress of Coombelands.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

2.00 Alone Success.
2.35 Somerled.
3.05 Dalbury
3.40 Comandante.
4.10 Catch Phrase.
4.40 Mandavi.

By Michael Seely
2.00 ALONE SUCCESS (nap). 2.35 Blackfeet. 3.40 Comandante.

Going: good to soft

2.0 BIRCHWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,922: 2m) (7 runners)

101	1	ALONE SUCCESS (CD) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) N Henderson 11-8	S Smith Eccles	● 99	F5-4
102	013	FLYING BENNY (CD) (A Nolan) A Moore 11-6	G Moore	98	2-1
111	0	LLANARMON (R McAlpine) N Henderson 11-0	D Browne	—	10-1
116		RUBIENNE (Mrs P Fox) J Fox 11-0	S Moore	—	25-1
118	002	SHIRLSTAR TAXSAVER (Sir B Slade) D Elsworth 11-0	B Powell	83	12-1
119		VERSAILLES ROAD (Mrs J Wood) A Jarvis 11-0	T Jarvis	—	20-1
120	0000	GRECIAN BUST (D Hodges) D Elsworth 10-9	R Arnott	—	25-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED - SNOW AND FROST

FORM ALONE SUCCESS (10-10) made a very favourable impression on debut when a 7l winner from Aldino (10-10) at Sandown (2m, £3187, good, Feb 7, 20 ran). FLYING BENNY (11-5) was made to look an ordinary sort when 11l 3rd to Past Glories (11-0) at Newbury (2m 100y, £5046, good to soft, Feb 13, 8 ran). Earlier, on debut, FLYING BENNY (11-0) finished 13½l 5th to Caesar Imperator (10-7) at Newbury (2m100y, £1621, soft, Jan 2, 19 ran) with LLANARMON (11-0) and GRECIAN BUST (10-9) well beaten. SHIRLSTAR TAXSAVER (11-5) was caught on the line when a neck 2nd to Green Archer (11-5) at Nottingham (2m, £745, good to soft, Jan 2, 18 ran).
Selection: ALONE SUCCESS

2.35 SWEET PAIN OF LOVE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,765: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

202	FF-3441	SOMERLED (R McDonald) R McDonald 8-11-9	R Dunwoody	● 99	F2-1
203	4/2-1312	BLACKFEET (BF) (J Matheson) J S Wilson 8-11-9	T G Dun	98	4-1
207	0030/13	KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (CD,BF) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 11-10-10	K Mooney	90	8-1
211	13433U	AKRAM (S Allen) R Hodges 9-10-7	R Linley	91	10-1
212	023403	ST WILLIAM (BF) (W Morecombe) R Hodges 10-10-7	B Powell	91	10-1

FORM SOMERLED returns to handicap company, having made all (12-0) to beat favourite Badsworth Boy (12-0) by 2l in a stakes race at Kelso (2m 196y, £2255, good, Feb 6, 5 ran). BLACKFEET makes the long trip south from Ayr: 2nd last time out (2m), he had previously (12-7) front-run his way to a 20l victory over The Howlet (10-8) at Edinburgh (2m, £1190, good, Jan 5, 5 ran). KILBRITTAIN CASTLE has already won 4 chases at Sandown, but could finish only 4½l 3rd (10-3) to Lochrun (10-9) when favourite here last time (2m 18y, £4324, good to soft, Jan 10, 5 ran). Previously (10-12) he had AKRAM (11-1) 29l back in 3rd when Wincanton winner (2m, £2881, good to soft, Dec 26, 4 ran). AKRAM is better judged on a 7l 3rd (10-0) to leading 2-miler Pearlyman (11-13) at Cheltenham (2m, £4565, good, Dec 6, 7 ran). ST WILLIAM was beaten a distance in 3rd latest start and has done little since running 4l 2nd (10-8) to Far Bridge (10-7) at Ascot (2m, £10471, firm, Oct 29, 7 ran).
Selection: AKRAM

3.5 STAND NOVICE CHASE (£3,147: 2m 4f 68yd) (7 runners)

302	00-31F1	MASTERPLAN (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 10-11-7	S Morshead	93	F7-4
303	P0-1102	OLYMPIC PRIZE (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-7	Peter Hobbs	87	4-1
304	0P/0FF3	AZIANO (H Mould) D Nicholson 6-10-9	R Dunwoody	70	6-1
305	30-022F	DALBURY (R Smale) A Moore 9-11-0	G Moore	● 99	2-1
306	0004F4-	FRIENDLY HARRY (R Wright) J Fox 7-11-0	S Moore	73	20-1
310	033300	HOPEFUL CHIMES (Mrs Jo Duckett) R Dickin 8-10-0	C Jones	67	16-1
311	P-30	KELLY'S MAID (R Belasco) J Webber 7-10-9	G Mernagh	73	14-1

FORM MASTERPLAN (11-0) proved this was his ideal distance with an 8l win over Ribobelle (11-1), a winner since, at Haydock (2m 4f, £2718, good to soft, Jan 24, 5 ran). OLYMPIC PRIZE (11-10) had no chance with the winner when 20l 2nd to First Bout (11-5) here at Sandown (2m 18y, £9350, good, Feb 6, 6 ran) where DALBURY (11-5) was a close up 3rd when falling at the last. Prior to that run DALBURY (10-12) ran out a 2l 2nd to Tawridge (11-6) here (2m 4f68y, £3935, good to soft, Jan 10, 6 ran) with OLYMPIC PRIZE (11-6) a poor 5th after making mistakes. AZIANO (11-4) should improve on a 10½l 3rd to Paul Pry (11-4) at Nottingham (2m, £2253, good, Jan 27, 18 ran). KELLY'S MAID made jumping errors when a distant 5th at Warwick last time and is better judged on a 13½l 3rd (10-10) to Ribobelle (10-10) at Worcester (2m, £1753, heavy, Dec 17, 17 ran).
Selection: DALBURY

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.40 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,110: 2m) (19 runners)

407	10	BALITO (M Marsh) D Barons 6-11-0	P Nicholls	—	10-1
410	0	CHEEKY KNIGHT (C Clarke) J Gifford 6-11-0	R Rowe	—	16-1
411	111-4	COMANDANTE (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-0	E Murphy	● 99	F6-4
414	00	DANISH CHIEF (H Joel) A Turnell 6-11-0	Steve Knight	—	12-1
420	B30	HIGH HAM BLUES (D Crates) J Fox 5-11-0	S Moore	71	20-1
422	000	LE MODESTY (R Smale) A Moore 5-11-0	B Powell	84	14-1
423	0003	LORDY BOY (D Sanger) D Nicholson 6-11-0	R Dunwoody	94	8-1
425	0U0	MR KATS (Mrs P Hamilton) A Moore 7-11-0	G Moore	—	20-1
428		POLYFEMUS (G Johnson) N Henderson 5-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—	16-1
429	0F0	SALMON RUN (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-0	D Browne	83	20-1
430	F0-P	STAR WONDER (J Wheeler) J Bridger 6-11-0	—	—	25-1
431	0	STEEPLE VIEW (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-0	S Sherwood	—	20-1
432	B	THE BUCKWHEAT (R Perkins) S Christian 6-11-0	R J Beggan	—	16-1
435	0PP	VITAL EXPORT (B) (Mrs A Millar) D Elsworth 5-11-0	R Arnott	—	20-1
436	030	WARNER'S END (Lady Lyell) J Webber 6-11-0	G Mernagh	76	14-1
440	00	DANCING CLARA (N Smith) N A Smith 5-10-9	Mr M Wellings	64	20-1
441		DISTRESS CALL (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 6-10-9	C Brown	—	14-1
442	33	FIRST ROMANCE (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 5-10-9	R Chapman (4)	87	5-1
443	0003	RYMERSTAR (Mrs F Manning) B Paling 6-10-9	C Evans (4)	83	12-1

FORM COMANDANTE, won three NH Flat race winner, made promising hurdling debut when (11-0) 12½l 4th to Protection (11-5) in well-contested event over this course and distance (£3455, good, Feb 6, 26 ran). LE MODESTY, no show over 2m 4f last time, best judged on (11-0) debut 18l 5th to useful Robin Goodfellow (11-8) over this course and distance (£3044, good to soft, Nov 28, 12 ran) a race in which VITAL EXPORT (11-0) finished out of the first 9. FIRST ROMANCE, 3rd to impressive winner Jazetas last time, previously (10-6) had LORDY BOY (10-11) well-behind when filling same position, beaten 9½l behind The Jolly Beggar (10-11) at Towcester (2m, £829, soft, Dec 22, 18 ran). SALMON RUN ran better than finishing position suggests when (10-10) 15l 6th to Colonel James (10-10) at Nottingham (2m, £966, good to soft, Dec 20, 20 ran), a race in which DANCING CLARA (10-5) finished 11th
Selection: FIRST ROMANCE

4.10 STANLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,199: 3m 118yd) (8 runners)

502	F2/224F	SIGN AGAIN (R Wright) J Fox 9-11-10	S Moore	91	12-1
504	U-2F024	CATCH PHRASE (K Carr) J Gifford 9-11-8	R Rowe	97	3-1
506	2-00311	GAINSAY (B) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2	B de Haan	95	F5-4
507	211/P0P	ACES WILD (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 9-11-1	J Duggan	—	14-1
508	40-F112	CERIMAU (BF) (M Shone) J Edwards 9-11-0	T Morgan	92	5-1
509	0-31220	SOCKS DOWNE (C Cowley) J King 8-10-13	S McNeill	98	8-1
512	3002P0	TRACYS SPECIAL (L Ames) A Turnell 10-10-10	Steve Knight	● 99	6-1
514	422U00	MEMBERSON (CD) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 9-10-6	B Powell	98	20-1

FORM SIGN AGAIN'S best performance this season was when (10-3) a 15l 2nd to Door Latch (11-1) at Ascot (3m, £13790, good, Dec 13, 12 ran). CATCH PHRASE (10-7) was far from disgraced when 25l 4th to Desert Orchid (11-10) over course and distance (£15666, good, Feb 7, 6 ran) last time. GAINSAY (11-1) is on a hat-trick following a half length win over Strath Leader (11-3) at Kempton (3m, £5101, soft, Jan 24, 7 ran) with ACES WILD (11-10) and MEMBERSON (10-13) well beaten in 5th and 6th respectively. CERIMAU (11-13) ran a good race in defeat when 4l 2nd to Fell Climb (11-0) at Towcester (3m 190y, £2142, soft, Dec 22, 11 ran). SOCKS DOWNE possible needed race after a short lay off last time, earlier (10-11) ran out a 4l 2nd to Repington (10-7) at Wetherby (2m 4f 100y, £3766, good, Dec 6, 7 ran).
Selection: SOCKS DOWNE

4.40 CARDINAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,998: 2m 5f 75yd) (17 runners)

601	21/32B-0	NEWLAR (S Tindall) S Mellor 8-11-10	G Landau	87	20-1
602	4-44301	MERRY JANE (D Scott) E H Owen jun 6-11-7	I Lawrence (7)	93	6-1
603	122/404	DODGY FUTURE (Stype Wood Stud Ltd) N Henderson 7-11-3	D Hood (7)	87	12-1
604	P0023-0	BOB TIDSALL (K Al-Said) J Edwards 8-11-2	S McCrystal (7)	95	8-1
605	211P-03	HOORAH HENRY (CD) (N Payne) J Sayers 7-11-0	L Harvey	89	10-1
606	221101	MANDAVI (Mrs K Anderson) N Henderson 6-10-13 (4ex)	M Bowlby	● 99	F7-2
609	210400	SUPER GRASS (Mrs D Smart) B Smart 8-10-9	C Llewellyn	89	20-1
610	01004-0	YES MASTER (B) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-10-6	I Shoemark (7)	96	7-1
611	000100	WINDBREAKER (A Pepper) A Moore 9-10-4	Candy Moore	87	20-1
613	011100	SLIP UP (F Gray) F Gray 7-10-1	P Corey (7)	85	12-1
614	1-P0000	OWEN'S PRIDE (Venture Chemical) R Akehurst 5-10-1	Dale McKeown	86	25-1
616	340300	HIGH HEAVEN (S Allen) A Moore 9-10-0	J Clarke (7)	89	12-1
617	00/P0-0F	IL PONTEVECCHIO (Mrs J M-Smith) D Murray-Smith 7-10-0	S Saltmarsh (7)	—	25-1
618	P-2F103	WHARRY BURN (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 6-10-0	P Bowman (7)	98	5-1
621	220-00F	MISTER BOOT (R Weatherall) O O'Neill 9-10-0	S Bridle (7)	80	33-1
625	400F/	WAVENEY WISH (N A Smith) N A Smith 8-10-0	J Rudge (7)	—	33-1
626	0U0P-BP	FULL OF DREAMS (V) (C Harvey) G Gracey 6-10-0	M Bellisario (7)	—	33-1

FORM HOORAH HENRY (10-1) ran a good race to finish 12l 3rd to runaway winner Taberna Lord (10-0) over this course and distance (£7961, good, Feb 7, 14 ran) a race in which SUPER GRASS (10-0) faded into 8th and NEWLAR (10-11), in need of race, out of the first 9. MANDAVI (10-8) had SUPER GRASS (10-8) 8l back in 7th when beating Beech Road (10-1) 12l at Newbury (2m 4f 120y, £3036, good to soft, Feb 13, 16 ran). SUPER GRASS seen to better effect on heavy ground at Newton Abbot when (10-5) beating Spider's Well 7l (2m 5f 110y, £3044, Dec 26, 17 ran). YES MASTER, behind on seasonal debut, last year (10-6) ran out 8L winner from Kevin Evens (10-0) at Ascot (3m, £3522, good to soft, Jan 10, 15 ran). WINDBREAKER, below form last 2 starts, previously (10-9) easy 5l winner from Goodman Point (11-2) at Lingfield (2m, £1095, soft, Dec 20, 10 ran). WHARRY BURN (11-9) ran game race to finish less than 3L 3rd to Mr Fog Patches (11-11) at Ascot (2m 4f, £2702, good, Feb 11, 22 ran), a race in which OWEN'S PRIDE (11-6) was well-behind and MISTER BOOT (10-8) in touch when fell 2 out.
Selection: WHARRY BURN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
D Elsworth	14	65	21.5	S Smith Eccles	21	83	25.3
Mrs J Pitman	8	39	20.5	E Murphy	6	25	24.0
F Walwyn	17	87	19.5	R Rowe	21	113	18.6
S Mellor	7	40	17.5	C Brown	13	71	18.3
N Henderson	10	62	16.1	R Dunwoody	9	61	14.8
F Winter	18	117	15.4		Only qualifiers		

EDINBURGH

Selections
By Mandarin

1.45 Natutical Joke.
2.15 Jump To It.
2.45 Fergy Foster.
3.15 Smart Jack.
3.45 COULTERS CANDY (nap).
4.15 Tawny Spirit.
4.45 Providence Bay.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 TAWNY SPIRIT

Going: good to firm

1.45 WEST LINTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,191: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1	0P0110	ATKINSONS (BF) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 6-11-10	J Hansen	97	F6-5
3	111420	ISHKHARA (D) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-5	P Niven	96	5-1
6	02-0F03	GREED (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 6-10-7	C Grant	92	10-1
8	00-4030	I'M EXCEPTIONAL (F Lee) F Lee 5-10-3	S Holland	95	12-1
9	00000P	THE FIXER (B) (I Ross) J Mooney 6-10-2	J Mooney	88	25-1
10	300204	MAGNOX (K Adey) N Chamberlain 6-10-2	Mr J Osborne (7)	94	12-1
11	000-0	ASERMANDA (L Wild) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-0	J J Quinn	—	10-1
12	00003	HOWS TONY (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 6-10-0	B Storey	● 99	6-1
14	030302	NAUTICAL JOKE (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-10-0	T P White (7)	98	8-1
15	FP0	LOVE YOU ROSY (P Savill) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-0	G Harker	84	16-1
16	4P100	DIME AND A DOLLAR D (A Jones) A W Jones 4-10-0	Miss D Jones	88	12-1
17	04/00-03	WHISTLING STELLAR (B) (M Clarkson) M Avison 6-10-0	R Marley (7)	86	16-1
18	000000	MAJOR ROUGE (B) (J Herdman) J Charlton 5-10-0	P Dennis (4)	96	25-1
21	00000	BALINGLANCE (B) (R Layland) R Layland 5-10-0	A Stringer	—	25-1
22	00-000	RAINBEAM (Mrs J Weir) Mrs J Weir 6-10-0	C Hawkins	—	33-1

1986: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

2.15 PEEBLES NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£905: 2m) (15 runners)

3	P-P	DUBOVSKY (M Glen) J Mooney 5-11-3	J Mooney	—	33-1
4	P/0	GO SPECTRUM (J Haldane) J Haldane 7-11-3	R Lamb	—	25-1
8	P/00-00P	KAMBALDAS BOY (J Thom) J Thom 6-11-3	P Niven	—	20-1
11	U30PP-0	FLOATING (Mrs T Dun) T Dun 6-10-12	T P White (7)	80	12-1
14	00	EASTERN OASIS (J Andrews) J Andrews 4-10-7	Mrs S Bradburne	80	20-1
15		GOLFLINES (W Storey) W Storey 4-10-7	Miss F Storey	—	20-1
16	00	HOAD HILL (A Robson) A Robson 4-10-7	M Pepper	81	16-1
17	P0	STRONGARM (R Dods) R Dods 4-10-7	A Stringer	—	10-1
19	223224	FANNY ROBIN (D Smith) Denys Smith 4-10-2	C Grant	● 99	F5-4
20	2	JUMP TO IT (Warwick Lodge Racing Ltd) G Moore 4-10-2	M Hammond	93	5-2
21	0B004	KATIE RHODES (W Tinning) W Storey 4-10-2	D Telfer (7)	86	10-1
22	000	LITTLE PRICE (C Bell) Miss M Bell 4-10-2	B Storey	92	7-1
23	0P0	SAGAREME (F Lee) F H Lee 4-10-2	S Holland	95	6-1
24	00	SAMBA LASS (J Hirst) F Watson 4-10-2	G Harker	—	16-1
25	000	TONKS (R Thompson) W Storey 4-10-2	K Teelan	—	16-1

2.45 KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£1,601: 3m) (8 runners)

1	011341	FERGY FOSTER (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 7-11-11	R Lamb	92	11-4
2	2124-12	LITTLE FRENCHMAN (D) (E Robson) E Robson 14-11-7	T Reed	91	F9-4
4	43-3332	BLUE TARQUIN (B,D) (Col Sir R Houldsworth) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-5	J J Quinn	98	9-2
5	3143F3	PRIMROSE WOOD (Mrs I Dewhurst) G Richards 9-11-3	P Tuck	92	7-1
6	02343P	KUMON SUNSHINE (B,D) (J Cowan) D Yeoman 10-11-1	C Hawkins	91	14-1
8	PUPP-0P	TACROY (A Duffield) Mrs G Reveley 13-10-12	P Niven	—	20-1
9	32P330-	BUSH GUIDE (D) (Mrs V Jackson) J Alder 11-10-3	Mrs V Jackson	● 99	12-1
12	4P213F	MELFEZK (D) (Mrs J Jordan) G Moore 12-10-0	M Hammond	91	10-1

3.15 BROUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£886: 3m) (10 runners)

5	41213-0	FAIR BAVARD (D) (Mrs B Smith) H Wharton 7-11-7	S Youlden	96	F2-1
6	0-000PP	WATER CANNON (V,D) (F Lee) F H Lee 6-11-2	S Holland	—	20-1
9	44-3440	GOOD TO SEE YOU (D) (F Barlow) Mrs S Auson 9-10-0	C Grant	98	12-1
11	013-002	SMART JACK (S Moore) R Fisher 6-10-11	M Meagher	● 99	3-1
16	000043/	INFINITE STAR (R Wilson) D Clyde Ire, 7-10-3	R Fahey (7)	95	8-1
18	31/000-4	UNGUARDED (F Storey) F Storey 9-10-0	B Storey	90	4-1
20	00000-4	NEW KINGSGROVE (R Atkins) J Mooney 8-10-0	J Mooney	90	9-1
21	00010-0	ESKER HOUSE (J Haldane) J Haldane 5-10-0	R Marley (7)	92	10-1
22	04-4F32	OF THAT ILK (Mrs J Weir) Mrs J Weir 7-10-0	C Hawkins	87	11-2
23	P/00P0-0	RIVER SONG (D Darling) D Darling 8-10-0	Mr D Darling	—	20-1

3.45 FIFE HUNT CLUB CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 3m) (9 runners)

1	21120-2	COULTERS CANDY (D) (D McGarva) D McGarva 5-12-7	A Dudgeon (4)	97	2-1
3	12113-3	FLYING ACE (D) (A Calder) A Calder 11-12-7	Miss D Calder (7)	● 99	F6-4
5	11133/P-	CAPE FELIX (Mrs D Whitaker) Mrs D Whitaker 14-12-0	J Walton	—	12-1
6		ESTABLISHED (C Bell) C Bell 10-12-0	S Bell (7)	—	20-1
7	P-	EVEN-OGAN (R Johnson) R Johnson 9-12-0	K Johnson (7)	—	25-1
8	P0-	NAVIGATIONAL AID (C Hall) C Hall 10-12-0	J Grossick (7)	—	8-1
9	33/PP3-F	SNOW BLESSED (C Alexander) C Alexander 10-12-0	D Mactaggart (7)	76	7-1
10	2P0P0/P-	TNE ENGINEER (D) (R Drysdale) R Drysdale 15-12-0	R Drysdale (7)	—	14-1
12	401/403	LOCH BRANDY (Mrs J Niven) Mrs J Niven 10-11-9	Miss D Niven (7)	88	11-2

4.15 HOWGATE NOVICE CHASE (£1,011: 2m) (15 runners)

1	214440	JONDALE (D) (J Bradburne) J Bradburne 10-11-12	Mr J Bradburne	72	14-1
4	442134	PERFECT GLEN (Mrs V Coleman) Denys Smith 7-11-12	C Grant	84	9-2
7	00/0PF-0	DARK DISCOVERY (R Atkins) J Mooney 10-11-5	J Mooney	—	33-1
8	00-0P00	HELLCATMUDWRESTLER (W McGhie) W McGhie 6-11-5	Mr K Anderson (7)	71	25-1
9	000-00U	MISTER KILO (Mrs E Hughes) A W Jones 6-11-5	Miss D Jones	—	12-1
10	0000-02	RICHARDS BAY (J Ratter) H Wharton 6-11-5	S Youlden	87	7-1
11	000421	SECRET WALK (Hathaway Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 6-11-5	R Lamb	—	F9-4
12	11133F	TAWNY SPIRIT (A Milner) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-5	J J Quinn	● 99	F2-1
14	0P/FP	THE GOESEL (B) (Mrs W Tulke) Mrs W Tulke 8-11-5	D Jones (7)	—	33-1
15	00440P	WISE CRACKER (Meichan & Cox Ltd) G Richards 6-11-5	P Tuck	93	16-1
16	0020-00	WORTHY KNIGHT (I Mennie) B McLean 6-11-5	M Hammond	—	25-1
17	2P0PB0	BRIGHT IMP (B) (R Bethell) P Blockley 8-11-0	P Niven	89	20-1
19	0424U0	MOONLIGHTING (K Hall) J Parkes 7-11-0	K Burke (4)	80	20-1
20	4P0/4-F0	PARSELLE (Miss A Combe) P Monteith 11-11-0	D Nolan	92	7-1
22	0000-00	SUSANNA (J Andrews) J Andrews 9-11-0	Mrs S Bradburne	—	25-1

4.45 LEADBURN NH FLAT RACE (£685: 2m) (15 runners)

4		HIGHWAYTRUCKRENTAL (Rivalake Ltd) W Storey 6-11-10	D Telfer (7)	—	16-1
5		HI WALLIE (Mrs V Watson) Miss M Bell 5-11-10	Mr S Love	—	20-1
7	0-	PALANQUIN (Mrs J Benson) Miss M Benson 5-11-10	Mr L Hudson	—	20-1
8		PROVIDENCE BAY (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10	R Fahey (7)	—	13-1
9		RIVER SANTUS (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-10	S Urwin (7)	—	4-1
10	0	SOUTH SUNRISE (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 5-11-10	W Stephens (7)	—	10-1
11		LAST NIGHT (A Wight) J Wight 6-11-5	NON-RUNNER	—	—
12		RUBY SUNSET (R Wilson) P Daly 5-11-5	A Somers (7)	—	20-1
14		CARSWELL'S CHOICE (Mrs M McGuinness) R Fisher 4-11-0	Mr M Murphy (7)	—	7-2
15		HEAVENLY BROTHER (C Taylor) C Thornton 4-11-0	Mr M Armytage (4)	—	25-1
15		RED RUDDEL (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 4-11-0	A Stanford (7)	—	6-1
17		THREEPLAND (A MacDonald) R Fisher 4-11-0	J O'Gorman (7)	—	13-2
18		ELLIE ON (M Sharvelon) J Goulding 4-10-9	Mr D Swindlehurst	—	25-1
22		PRICELESS PERIL (A Green) Miss M Bell 4-10-9	T P White (7)	—	33-1
23		WIZARD OF WAS (J Parnem) J Berry 4-10-9	Sharron James	—	8-1

FAKENHAM

Selections
By Mandarin

2.0 Duke Of Cambridge. 2.30 Medway Gauntlet. 3.0 Bold Impression. 3.30 Granville Park 4.0 Jack Of All Trades. 4.30 Nippy Chippy.

Going: good

2.0 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£990: 2m 80yd) (8 runners)

3	40P0	[illegible]	S Woods (7)
4	F-P	DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE H O'Neill 5-11-7	G Bradley
5	-104	PRONUPTIA BRIDE (CD) D Wintle 6-11-8	A Carroll
8	00-P	FLIP THE COIN L Wordingham 6-11-1	—
10	PPP	LADY BISHOP (B) R Champion 4-11-0	M Richards
11	0F4	CAPISTRANO CLIMAX W Kemp 4-11-0	S Shilston
13	BP0P	SILENT SHADOW (B) A Blackmore 5-11-0	A Webb
15	832P	SOLENT BREEZE (V) B Stevens 4-11-0	C Warren (7)

2-1 Duke Of Cambridge, 3-1 Pronuptia Bride, 9-2 Capistrano Climax, 6-1 Solent Breeze, 8-1 others.

2.30 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,029: 3m) (10)

2	0-04	TURN BLUE (CD) R Champion 8-11-7	M Richards
3	P-41	TOOLEY STREET (D) C Wates 8-11-5	H Davies
5	-201	BRAVEN D Wintle 13-11-2	A Carroll
7	-03P	DR PEPPER (CD) P Haynes 10-10-13	A Webb
8	P04P	SOUTHERN PRINCE H Hodge 8-10-12	Miss J Hodge (7)
9	/FU-	CASTLES-IN-THE-AIR (CD) O Lyles 8-10-10	Mr L Gibbon
11	PP-2	MEDWAY GAUNTLET J Blundell 12-10-4	M Brennan
12	310-	SUPER BRAT (CD) R Carter 8-10-0	S Woods (7)
14	0000	BLACK EARL I Wardle 10-10-0	R Stronge
15	PFU2	SALDATORE (CD) B Byford 10-10-0	T Woolley (7)

7-2 Medway Gauntlet, 4-1 Braven, 5-1 Tooley Street, Dr Pepper, 6-1 Turn Blue, 8-1 Saldatore, 10-1 others.

3.0 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (£932: 2m 80yd) (9)

1	0	AIR BROKER P Haynes 6-11-0	A Webb
2	4	BOLD IMPRESSION N Gaselee 6-11-0	A Adams (7)
4	00P	DORAYTHYM (B) R Carter 5-11-0	S Woods (7)
5	UP-0	EYETRAP P W Harris 6-11-0	R Stronge
6	00	HALLO MATEY G Hubbard 6-11-0	Miss G Armytage (4)
7	0	ON THE TWIST G Hubbard 5-11-0	—
8	FP	SUNFORT GUY (B) W Kemp 7-11-0	S Shilston
9	3004	EKAYTEE I Wardle 5-10-9	K Townend (7)
10	P	FAUCONBERG D Wintle 5-10-9	A Carroll

11-10 Bold Impression, 2-1 Ekaytee, 6-1 Hallo Matey, 10-1 Air Broker, 14-1 Fauconberg, 16-1 others.

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHASE (£1,485: 3m) (8)

1	-211	GRANVILLE PARK (D) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-10	G Bradley
3	P0F4	JAYS GREY J Blundell 9-10-10	Mr L Kirkby
4	-418	MET OFFICER M Skinner 7-10-10	G McCourt
5	P-P0	MILTON PARK J Blundell 7-10-10	M Brennan
6	U0-P	PRYDEL R Champion 9-10-10	M Richards
7	0/3-	RIVER SAINT B Byford 11-10-10	T Woolley (7)
8	/00F	ROMAN SON N Gaselee 9-10-10	[illegible]
10	[illegible]	STARGAZE R Curtis 7-10-10	[illegible]

1-3 Granville Park, 9-2 Met Officer, 8-1 Jays Grey, 10-1 Prydel, 16-1 Roman Son, 20-1 others.

4.0 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,517: 2m 5f) (12)

1	F-40	THE FOODBROKER P Haynes 11-12-6	T Grantham (4)
2	2102	W SIX TIMES (CD) W Kemp 10-12-6	B Munro-Wilson
3	[illegible]	CAWKWELL DUKE J Wales 9-11-10	[illegible]
5	[illegible]	FINE WHIP [illegible]	[illegible]
8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9	021-	JACK OF ALL TRADES (CD) J Delahooke 11-11-10	A Hill (4)
10	234/	JUBILEE MEDAL (B) S J Stearn 10-11-10	S Stearn (7)
11	0PF-	KULA Mrs C Tanner 10-11-10	Mrs L Gibbon
13	1-	NEEDWOOD NOMAD (B) Lord Somerleyton 9-11-10	Mrs J Ralllton
15	01-0	SHACKIN BRIG (B) Mrs C Gisborne 10-11-10	Mrs P Rigby (7)
16	30-3	SONNY MAY G Hubbard 11-11-10	Miss G Armytage (4)
17	2440	SWINGLETREE (B) Mrs J Curson 11-11-10	R Curson (7)
18	202U	MILANESSA Mrs P Trigues 10-11-5	Miss A Parker (7)

9-4 W Six Times, 3-1 Jack Of All Trades, 9-2 Sonny May, 6-1 The Foodbroker, 8-1 Fine Whip, 10-1 others.

4.30 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,525: 2m 80yd) (16)

1	0100	MASTER VINCE (CD) M Tompkins 9-12-7	Mr S Andrews
2	0424	DEADLY GOING K Bridgwater 9-11-6	K Ryan (7)
3	00-0	CHEMIST BROKER P Haynes 7-11-6	A Webb
4	0000	PARIS TRADER (B) J Payne 5-10-13	D Hood (7)
5	10-0	SOMERS HEIR D Wintle 12-10-11	A Carroll
6	1000	MR CARACTACUS G Gracey 8-10-11	—
7	11	NIPPY CHIPPY (CD) N Callaghan 4-10-9	W Humphries
8	4020	SAN CARLOS (BF) A Ingham 5-10-8	H Davies
9	2002	CAPISTRANO PRINCE F Gray 5-10-7	R Goldstein
12	1000	FLOWER OF TINTERN D Ringer 5-10-1	M Brennan
13	-800	ARABIAN SEA R Curtis 8-10-1	K Traylor (7)
14	4B4F	TIN BOY (CD) W Kemp 8-10-1	S Shilston
15	0P01	CAP D'AZURE I Campbell 7-10-0	R Campbell
16	0040	FARAWAY LAD D Ringer 4-10-0	D Murphy
17	0-00	SAIZANO D Leslie 5-10-0	S Keightley
18	2FP-	YANKEE BOND H O'Neill 6-10-0	R Stronge

11-4 Nippy Chippy, 100-30 Capistrano Prince, 9-2 San Carlos, 6-1 Master Vince, 8-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Rex Carter, 5 winners from 38 runners, 13.2%. (Only qualifer).
JOCKEYS: No qualifiers.

Door opened for outsider

The Builder, favourite for yesterday's Star and Garter Handicap Chase at Southwell, was withdrawn shortly before the start because of a stomach upset, leaving the way clear for Swift Messenger to score at odds of 20-1.

"She is a different horse here from anywhere else and obviously if there is a suitable race at the next meeting she will return," her trainer Dai Williams said.

Swift Messenger jumped to the front four fences and held off Jimmypick by threequarters of a length.

● Jeff Barlow, who displaced two vertebrae in a fall at Uttoxeter last Saturday, hopes to resume riding at Wolverhampton on Monday.

Southwell results

Going: hurdles, good to firm; chase, good

2.0 (3m 110yd) 1, SHEPHERD'S HYMN (P Niven, 4-7 fav); 2, Brassey's Copse (Mr L Ley, 66-1); 3, More Cloud (R Crank, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Shamrock Master (bd), 10 Gamesmanship (pu), 12 Vulcheck (f), 14 Pink Panther (pu), Seeyouaround (f), 16 Historic House (bd), 20 Scarlet Coon (4th), Mount Rule (f), 25 Tregoed (f). 12 ran. NR: Ghostbuster, Kiloon, Viceroy Lass. 6l, dist. 15l. P Blockley at Hull. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £52.30, £3.30. DF: £52.60. CSF: £41.94.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, TYRANNISE (T Wall, 10-1); 2, St Nick (M Pepper, 6-1); 3, Kamarock (N Carson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Nabeeh, [illegible]

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objection. Hill Of Slane, who finished 4th, was disqualified for failing to weigh in.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, RONDEAU (M Kinane, 4-7 fav); 2, Incamelia (M Bowlby, 12-1); 3, Up Cooke (J Lower, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Queen Of Swords (f), 12 Feeling Rosey (4th), Chabenka (5th), 14 Counsellors Girl (pu), 33 Balistrada (pu), Castellan, Crimson Moon (pu). Kemcross, Marita Ann (6th), Torrington's Hope (pu), Vulgan's Flight (pu). 14 ran. NR: Narcone. 5l, 10l, 7l, 20l, 8l. R J O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £3.20, £2.20. DF: £9.40. CSF: £10.76.

4.0 (2m 74yd ch) 1, FADA (M Bosley, 9-4 fav); 2, Go Ann Go (P Warner, 11-2); 3, King Of Stress (J Harris, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Shannae (4th), The Diplomat (f), [illegible]

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BOXING

The hard shell of Bumphus shows few traces of cracks

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

When Johnny Bumphus steps into the ring on Sunday night to challenge Lloyd Honeyghan, he will be facing himself as much as Britain's World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation welterweight champion. Success or failure for Bumphus will depend on whether he is able to keep on believing in himself throughout the contest.

He has brought along a meditation expert to help him but Bumphus is really the product of a nine-month campaign devised by his manager Lou Duva.

Duva has built up a hard shell round a soft centre. But whether it is hard enough to stand up to the battering Honeyghan is capable of unleashing remains to be seen. Even though Duva believes that Bumphus will be able to out-box Honeyghan, one cannot help but detect in the chunky manager a feeling of concern for his charge.

"Sure Honeyghan would have walked through the old Bumphus," Duva said. "Johnny, in those days, had no balance. You could push him over. But after my nine month programme he is an altogether different fighter."

Duva plays down Bumphus's inactivity for those nine months after he suffered a head injury against Marlon Starling in May.

"Those nine months gave me time to build him up into a much stronger fighter," Duva said. "Yes, he could not break an egg in the old days but now he can not only break an egg but he can break a hard-boiled egg." According to Duva, Bumphus will beat Honeyghan through "ring savvy". He added: "Johnny is strong on smarts." Duva's plan for rehabilitating Bumphus after his injury certainly sounds sensible. For the first three months of this enforced inactivity Duva made him train their young Olympic hopefuls in his gym in Houston.

"That way Johnny began to see a fight the way we on the inside see it. He began to get a new perspective. Johnny began to learn to see his own faults while fighting as if he were sitting outside the ring and to adjust. That is why I say he is very strong on smarts. No matter what Honeyghan does I believe Johnny will be able to adjust to it."

At the end of three months Bumphus weighed 170 lbs. "We had six months to get his weight down to 147. We brought him down gradually so that he did not lose his strength." Under Tim Hallmark, in Houston, they built up Bumphus's endurance and ability until he began to believe in himself. "Believe me, this Bumphus knows not only that he can beat Honeyghan but he can also knock him out. He has been studying Honeyghan tapes and knows what Honeyghan is capable of."

Duva engaged six sparring partners for Bumphus when training in the thinner air of Reno. Each partner had one or more characteristics of the champion. All of them pressured Bumphus. They were no problem for the challenger. "Johnny is a very good boxer, always has been, but now he is a determined fighter as well. He won't run from Honeyghan." Duva admitted that before he started on the programme that he would have agreed to Bumphus being a 3-1 underdog but he says now either man can win.

Yet somehow if all this careful "Isoponning" does not stand up to the barrage when Honeyghan opens up and Bumphus fails to go the distance Duva says he would have to talk seriously to him about quitting the game. "Johnny is 27 and is at the crossroads. If he does not win he knows there is nowhere else to go. We have talked about it; that is why he has got to win.

● Mike Barrett and Mickey Duff, the promoters of the bout, to be staged in the 2,500-seat Grand Hall, say they have only 100 tickets left and expect them to go by Sunday. The Wembley box-office has completely sold out.

Doing the rounds: Manley holding his world title belt aloft (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

IBF rules worry Marsh

By Srikumar Sen

Terry Marsh will have to be quick off the mark when he challenges Joe Louis Manley for the International Boxing Federation light welterweight title under the big top at Basildon on March 4.

For it was revealed at a press conference to welcome the champion yesterday that according to IBF rules, should the bout end after six rounds as a result of any damage to either boxer, the man leading on the scorecard at the time would be the winner.

Should the bout end before the sixth round for similar reasons, it would be declared a no-contest. These rules are of some concern to Marsh, who only a couple of weeks ago at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, suffered an eye injury.

The officials for the title bout, too, have not proved satisfactory for Marsh's manager, Frank Warren. "There are three Americans and a Dane," Warren said. "We want a British judge."

But finding a British judge might not be so easy. For the British Board do not recognize the IBF.

Manley was not too concerned about rules or officials. "I am Joe Louis Manley, the world champion, and when I leave I shall still be champion," he said when introducing himself. All Manley wanted to know was whether he would be warm enough under the big top. "I've been training in Texas in 80°F and I've never been to England before," he said.

The only fear his joint managers, Stan Hoffman and Bob Mittleman, have was whether Manley would travel well, having never boxed outside the US as a professional. But after Warren offered them £50,000-plus after they saw tapes of Marsh they decided, that since Marsh did not have a KO punch, to make the trip.

Manley, who has had 30 bouts, lost three and drawn one, has only been beaten by good class opponents like Arroyo, Hatcher and Shields. Manley was a member of the US Olympic team that did not get to Moscow, together with Donald Curry, Johnny Bumphus, Leroy Murphy and Richard Sandoval — and all became world champions. "Winning the world title was compensation for not going to Moscow," Manley said.

CRICKET

Quick men come up trumps for England

From a Correspondent
Galle, Sri Lanka

Hostile fast bowling by England's Martin Bicknell and Lloyd Tennant, left Sri Lanka struggling at 72 for three at the end of the second day of the third and final four-day Young Cricketers Test here yesterday.

The pair found enough life on a slow pitch to dismiss Chandika Hathurusinghe, and Chaminda Mendis, and Michael Atherton, the England captain, rounded off the day by removing Chaminda Unantenne. The latter's hundred rescued Sri Lanka in the Asgiyira Test, but he fell to a diving catch by Fraser at point in the last over.

Sri Lanka, chasing an England total of 420 for nine declared, need 271 to avoid the follow-on. The first two Tests were drawn.

Resuming the day at 242 for three, England looked unlikely to pass 400 when their ninth wicket fell at 366. But Harvey Trump, and Tennant, shared a last-wicket partnership worth 54 runs in 27 minutes.

Trump hit Sanjeewa Weerasinghe, the Test leg spinner, for 26 runs in one over to reach 50 off 34 balls, and England declared soon after.

ENGLAND YOUNG CRICKETERS
First innings

M R Ramprakash b Chaminda Mendis	118
*M A Atherton c Unantenne b Weerasinghe	10
C K Smith c and b Chaminda Mendis	62
M W Alleyne c Weeraikkody b Perera	71
N Hussain c Kaluwitharna b Weerasinghe	37
M P Speight c and b Weerasinghe	8
M P Bicknell c Weeraikkody b Perera	8
A G J Fraser st Kaluwitharna b Chaminda Mendis	23
†W K Hegg b Chaminda Mendis	19
H R J Trump not out	50
L Tennant not out	8
Extras (lb 4, nb 1, w 1)	6
Total (9 wkts dec)	420

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-151, 3-222, 4-284, 5-312, 6-312, 7-325, 8-359, 9-366.

BOWLING: Madena 9-2-33-0; Weeraikkody 8-1-25-0; Weerasinghe 57.5-14-162-3; Hathurusinghe 2-0-9-0; Chaminda Mendis 30-8-68-4; Perera 45-13-98-2; Ranatunga 6-1-21-0.

SRI LANKA YOUNG CRICKETERS
First innings

A Afrayah not out	22
U C Hathurusinghe c Trump b Bicknell	5
Chaminda Mendis c Hegg b Tennant	24
C Unantenne c Fraser b Atherton	11
S Ranatunga not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 2, nb 2)	9
Total (3 wkts)	72

Chandima Mendis, †R Kaluwitharna, R N Weeraikkody, C D U S Weerasinghe, *D R Madena, D C M Perera to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-48, 3-71.

BOWLING (to date): Bicknell 11-4-15-1; Fraser 9-2-24-0; Tennant 8-3-17-1; Trump 3-1-3-0; Atherton 3-0-8-1.

Umpires: W A U Wickramasinghe and B C Cooray.

The ghettos spawn a new spirit for the mini game

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

Many of the children who clamoured to be bussed out of their teeming ghetto did not know the feel of soft grass. When they discovered it not all of them were enticed to the boundary. They had not been out of Alexandra, the township once earmarked for demolition, for two years on a school outing and were in no hurry to return.

Yet the same boys who steal Mercedes from Johannesburg's white suburbs were confused not so much by nature's offerings as by the technicalities of the game of cricket. This was their introduction, and, as with many of their seniors down the years, it was proving taxing.

Each Saturday, the predominantly white-run South African Cricket Union tries to take cricket to the blacks. Since October it has organized 'mini-cricket', based on the game the great West Indians learned on the beach and in the street. Set up initially for blacks in the townships of Alexandra, Dobsonville and Soweto, it has proved an unqualified success.

The "legalisation" of apartheid in 1948 killed off such interest as there was for cricket among the blacks. No longer permitted to play with whites, they became fascinated by football — and other pastimes. "Now you are going to be a nation of bowlers, not a nation of stone throwers," Lawrence Mvumeu, a black, a schoolteacher and a 'mini-cricket' coach, told a group of 10-year-olds last week.

'Mini-cricket' is the brainchild of Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the SACU. "We have never tapped the black market," he said. "Since cricket became multi-racial the emphasis has been on development among whites, coloureds (mixed race) and Indians. It will take 10 years to develop the game among the blacks but there is vast potential. It is a myth that they have no feel for the game. We can play our part in helping race relations in South Africa."

To gain support from the blacks, Bacher first approached community and union leaders, and schoolteachers. There has been no objection as yet to his initiations; where there is resentment, it is over the unofficial tours the SACU have staged. If there is to be no tour next season, sensitivity towards blacks will have something to do with it

The SACU are aiming to raise one million rand a year from businesses to expand "mini-cricket", linking up with the South African Sports Foundation's programme of coaching. Bacher's invention is essentially a scaled down version of the real thing: a team of eight, a small bat and stumps and a soft, red ball with a woven seam. It is for boys aged between eight and 13. At the age of 12 they are introduced to a hard ball.

There is little doubt that the SACU will bend over backwards to include coloured and black cricketers in South African sides in future. (Omar Henry was a case in point.) It is 16 years now since Bacher, as his country's captain, dared to suggest that criticism of apartheid was justified.

When the first Saturday 'mini-cricket' was staged 1,000 school children from Alexandra crammed onto six buses to be driven past army roadblocks to Balfour Park, a white cricket club down the motorway. They and 2,000 from Dobsonville and Soweto, have been returning to the venues ever since to work on suspect actions and extravagant strokes, and learn cricketing terms in English.

They play in the West Indian way said one coach, and they will be able to all year round — the key to "mini-cricket" is that it can be set up anywhere and in all seasons. For the past two years, most of these children had spent their days mucking about on the streets. There were no school excursions. Now, they are playing against white schools and holding their own, at least until the age of 10.

Above that age, white children, with superior facilities, a tradition of cricket and more experience of playing with a hard ball, are inevitably more accomplished. A recent fixtures error resulted in a black under-10 side being bowled out for 9 by white under-13s. It was the first time the blacks had played with a proper ball.

Cricket is the hardest of games to grasp but, as the West Indians have shown, once mastered by blacks, a new standard can be set.

Peer's power under scrutiny

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire's political in-fighting has attracted far more attention than their performances on the field in recent years and the club was in danger of coming apart at the seams until Viscount Mountgarret emerged as a president capable of bringing calm to the warring factions.

Now, just two years after his election, his lordship is the centre of a debate which will take place at the Queen's Hotel in Leeds on Saturday when members attempt to curb the president's powers at the annual general meeting.

A motion seeks to limit the time served by any incumbent to three years and it will be opposed by the committee who believe the wealthy landowner has done a good job in ridding them, by one means or another, of those who came to power on Geoff Boycott's coat tail in the winter revolution of 1983.

Other members, however, feel he has taken too much of a leading role.

The issue will, as usual, be decided by the postal voters who are unlikely to go against the committee.

Ken Harvey, a senior member who proposes the motion, said: "I don't want this to become a personality issue but it does seem that the traditional role of Yorkshire president has now changed. I would like to see us change the president on a rota basis using the honour to reward those who have given distinguished service to Yorkshire whether they are peer or peasant."

Mr Harvey's proposal will be supported by the still substantial pro-Boycott brigade for different reasons. They feel Lord Mountgarret threw his weight not only against the former opener having a further contract for next summer but also against him playing for Derbyshire while continuing to serve on the county committee.

SNOOKER

Johnson returns with renewed confidence

By Sydney Friskin

Among the 16 survivors in the Dulux British Open tournament which will be resumed today at Derby after a day's rest, there are a few who in recent times have had little of the spotlight. Joe Johnson, the world champion, Terry Griffiths, the former world champion, John Spencer, David Taylor, Doug Mountjoy, John Virgo, Tony Knowles, Cliff Wilson and Tommy Murphy, all face the fifth round with renewed confidence.

Johnson, who lost to Les Dodd in the English Professional semi-finals at Ipswich, was only three points short of the first century break at Derby on Wednesday night in the first frame of his fourth round match against Eugene Hughes, the Irishman. He lost the next two frames but went on to win 5-3.

Johnson, thus set up a fifth round meeting with Spencer whose 5-2 victory over Dave Martin regained him a place among the top 32 in world rankings. Griffiths, having beaten Tony Jones 5-3, is back in the top four and now has the ambition to win a big ranking tournament.

Virgo, who defeated Steve Davis 5-4, on the first day, meets Wilson today in what promises to be an exciting match. Both are prolific potters but the odds must favour Virgo, who has improved his safety play. Knowles completed a polished 5-0 victory over Dean Reynolds and must now be expected to beat Murphy whom he played and beat in the World Team Championship.

If Knowles wins he will meet either Griffiths or Dennis Taylor in the quarter-finals. Taylor had little difficulty beating Eddie Charlton, of Australia, 5-1 on Wednesday night. In the bottom half of the draw, Rex Williams has his chance to avenge his defeat by Jimmy White when they meet who beat him in the final of the Rothmans Grand Prix tournament at Reading last October. The winner of this match will meet either Spencer or Johnson in the quarter-finals.

FIFTH ROUND DRAW: J Virgo v C Wilson; N Foulds v W Thorne; T Knowles v T Murphy; T Griffiths v Dennis Taylor; C Thorburn v D Mountjoy; K Stevens v David Taylor; J White v R Williams; J Spencer v J Johnson.

TODAY'S MATCHES: Knowles v Murphy (2.0); Virgo v Wilson (7.0).

Essex sign Brown

Essex have signed Adrian Brown, a 24-year-old teacher at King's College, Taunton, to replace Neil Burns as their reserve wicket-keeper.

ROWING

Wolfson the Cambridge choice as cox

By Jim Railton

Julian Wolfson, aged 19, the Great Britain junior international, has pipped his rival, Simon Loveridge, for the cox's position in the Cambridge crew for the University Boat Race on March 28.

Alan Inns, the chief Cambridge coach, who was himself an Olympic cox, said :"It was probably the hardest decision we have had to make."

● Football's loss has become rowing's gain with the news that Daf Trucks GB will inject around £60,000 of sponsorship money into British rowing this year (Jim Railton writes). A large part of this will be on offer to clubs in the form of prizes of racing shells and equipment.

The company, based at Marlow, has been associated with the famous town regatta for 13 years and Olympic and World championships gold medal winners, Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, are currently being assisted by them.

They were actively involved in football until company advertising boards were used as missiles at the infamous Luton v Millwall FA Cup replay. "We have not set a commercial foot on a soccer pitch since," said the British marketing manager, Mr Christopher Thorneycroft-Smith.

TABLE TENNIS

Bellinger singles out England's expertise

From a Special Correspondent, New Delhi

England's No. 1, Lisa Bellinger, made a return to singles play and helped her country to a 3-1 win over Australia in the World Championships here yesterday. This was doubly welcome, not only because it made certain of a place in stage two of the team event but because without Miss Bellinger, England's resources were looking thin on the ground.

Curiously Bellinger won both her singles but lost the doubles in partnership with national champion, Fiona Elliot. The European bronze medalist, aged 19, made a spectacular start by winning the first 13 points against Nadia Bisiach, a physical education student from Melbourne. Bellinger won 21-4, 21-14, and then progressed to a 21-9, 21-16 victory over Australia's No. 1, Kerri Tepper, one of four members of the Tepper family to play for Australia. In between these wins, however, Bellinger's chop and float defence did not mix very well with the close-to-the-table attack of Miss Elliot, and the two of them went down in straight games in the doubles to Tepper and Bisiach.

England's men also scored their second win, by 5-0, over Greece. Alan Cooke, the national Top 12 champion, dropped the middle game to the Greek No. 1, John Kordoutis, but the outcome was not really in doubt. England still have to do the business today against improving Belgium if they too are to qualify for the second stage.

MEN: Group A: China 5, Peru 0; Scotland 5, Switzerland 4 (J Broe bt T Busin 21-18, 22-20; D Hannah bt S Renold 21-12, 21-16; D McIlroy lost to T Miller 21-17, 21-15; Hannah bt Busin 21-14, 21-10; Broe lost to Miller 21-18, 21-14; McIlroy bt Renold 17-21, 21-15, 21-10; Hannah lost to Miller 24-22, 21-23, 13-21; McIlroy lost to Busin 19-21, 21-14, 21-14; Broe bt Renold 21-16, 21-16); China 5, Scotland 0 (C Xinhua bt J Broe 21-8, 21-11; W Hao bt D Hannah 21-12, 21-12; C Longcan bt D McIlroy 21-9, 21-8; Xinhua bt Hannah 21-7, 21-8; Longcan bt Broe 21-9, 21-7). Group B: Sweden 5, Indonesia 0; Bulgaria 5, Syria 0; Malaysia 5, Nepal 0. Group C: Poland 5, Turkey 2; Pakistan w/o Kenya. Group D: Canada 5, Jordan 0; Japan 5, Ireland 0 (Y Miyazaki bt J Dill 21-5, 21-11; K Matsushita bt M Hilton 21-7, 21-6; K Saito bt C Slevin 23-21, 21-17; Matsushita bt Dill 21-14, 21-6; Miyazaki bt Slevin 21-17, 21-16). Group E: Norway 5, Bermuda 0; North Korea 5, New Zealand 0. Group F: Yugoslavia 5, Spain 0; Australia 5, Isle of Man 0; Yugoslavia 5, Australia 1; Spain 5, Isle of Man 0. Group G: Netherland 5, Nepal 0; Czechoslovakia 5, Malaysia 0; Czechoslovakia 5, Netherlands 0. Group H: France 5, Singapore 0; Brazil 5, Bangladesh 0; France 5, Brazil 3; Singapore 5, Bangladesh 1. Group J: Wales w/o Venezuela; South Korea 5, Luxembourg 0. Group K: Belgium 5, Macao 0; England 5, Greece 0 (A Cooke bt V Kostas 21-14, 21-9; S Andrew bt F Geor 21-9, 21-11; D Douglas bt J Kordoutis 21-11, 21-08; S Andrew bt V Kostab 21-13, 21-7; A Cooke bt J Kordoutis 21-13, 21-23, 21-4). Group L: Taiwan 5, Portugal 0; Hong Kong 5, Saudi Arabia 4. Group M: India 5, Egypt 0; Finland 5, Palestine 0. Group N: Nigeria 5, Equador 0. Hungary 5, Ghana 0; Hungary 5, Equador 0; Nigeria 5, Ghana 0. Group P: US 5, Iraq 0; USSR 5, Thailand 0; USSR 5, Iraq 0; US 5, Thailand 1. Group R: Italy 5, Yemen Arab Republic 0; West Germany 5, Yemen Arab Republic 0. Group S: Denmark 5, Portugal 3; Chinese Taipei 5, Cyprus 0; Denmark 5, Cyprus 0.

WOMEN: Group A: Bulgaria 3, Norway 1; China 3, Bulgaria 0. Group B: Singapore 3, Macao 0; North Korea 3, Macao 0. Group C: Malaysia 3, Brazil 2; South Korea 3, Malaysia 0. Group D: Italy w/o Nigeria; Netherlands 3, Italy 0. Group E: Luxembourg 3, Thailand 1; USSR 3, Luxembourg 0. Group F: US 3, Greece 1; Hungary 3, US 0. Group G: Switzerland 3, Syria 0; Japan 3, Switzerland 0. Group H: Egypt 3, New Zealand 0; Czechoslovakia 3, New Zealand 0. Group J: Australia 3, Scotland 0 (K Tepper bt J Smith 16-21, 21-13, 21-7; N Bisiach bt S Hurry 21-18 21-11; Tepper and Bisiach bt Smith and Hurry 21-19 21-18); England 3, Australia 1 (F Elliot bt K Tepper 21-11, 21-18; L Bellinger bt N Bisiach 21-4, 21-14; Elliot and Bellinger lost to Tepper and Bisiach 16-21, 20-22; Bellinger bt Tepper 21-9, 21-16). Group K: France 3, Malta 0; Indonesia w/o Kenya; Malta w/o Kenya; France 3, Indonesia 0. Group L: Denmark 3, Portugal 1; Sweden 3, Portugal 0; Denmark 3, Peru 2. Group N: Austria 3, Isle of Man 0. Group P: Taiwan 3, Nepal 0; India 3, Nepal 0. Group R: Canada 3, Ghana 0; Poland 3, Equador 0; Canada 3, Equador 0; Poland 3, Ghana 0. Group S: Yugoslavia 3, Jordan 0. Belgium w/o Venezuela; Belgium 3, Jordan 0; Yugoslavia w/o Venezuela.

Relaying the torch

Seoul, South Korea (AP) — South Korean officials are seeking the participation of 21 cities that hosted past Olympic Games in ceremonies for relaying the flame for the 1988 Seoul Olympics, the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee said yesterday. Committee officials said their plans call for cultural representatives of former host cities to stage one-day arts festivals in each of the major South Korean cities through which the Olympic torch will pass. The proposal is expected to be approved after further consultations with the International Olympic Committee and other international organizations.

Race for fitness

Wayne Gardner, the Australian motor-cyclist, is facing a battle to be fit in time for the start of the World 500cc championship next month (AFP reports). The English-based rider, aged 27, has an ankle in plaster, after crashing while testing his new Honda, and is under orders to rest. Gardner has not broken any bones, but he has already been ruled out of a meeting before the championship campaign, which begins at Suzuka in Japan on March 29.

Changing sides

Jan Andersson, the Swedish speedway captain, is to quit his home country and live in England (AFP reports). Andersson, who is the number one rider for Reading in the British League, has applied for permanent residency in England. "I've had a house in England for 12 years and think of it as home," said Andersson, who has asked the Swedish speedway authorities not to consider him for future international fixtures.

Under warranty

The seventh Cambridge v Oxford amateur rugby league varsity match will be played at Headingley on March 17 under the sponsorship of Car Care Plan, Europe's leading warranty company based in Leeds.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Trophy has crowd appeal

By Paul Newman

The continuing appeal of the FA Trophy has been emphasized by a series of high attendances in the last week. Of the 12 matches played so far in the third round, only one has drawn a crowd of less than 1,000 and seven have given the home club their best gate of the season.

Boston United attracted a crowd of 2,483 — bettered only by the 3,164 who saw their FA Cup first round replay against Runcorn — for Wednesday's thrilling replay against **Barnet**, which ended in a 3-3 draw. Ward twice hit equalizers for the home side, the second coming late in the second half of extra time. Barnet were prepared to toss a coin for home advantage for Monday's second replay, but Boston were unwilling to do so and the game will now be held at Cambridge United.

Blyth Spartans won the toss for the right to stage their second replay against **Nuneaton Borough** on Monday, after the first two games had ended 2-2. Nuneaton twice took the lead in Tuesday's replay at Blyth and the Drybroughs Northern League side's second equalizer, a spectacular 30-yard shot by Walker, came a minute from the end of full time. The gate of 1,899 was four times Blyth's average this season.

The best performance in this week's replays was by **Dartford**. The Southern League side won 2-1 at home to **Runcorn**, who lie eighth in the GM Vauxhall Conference table.

The gate of 855 was the best of the season at Watling Street, which may not be Dartford's home for much longer. The club have been told that a considerable amount of safety work is necessary at the ground, where they have played since 1921, and they have decided to sell the site to developers and move elsewhere. Dartford received plans this week for a new stadium on land which they have agreed to buy from the local council. The stadium would include a 750-seat stand and would be constructed with possible later improvements in mind.

Dartford have been particularly impressed by Aylesbury United's new ground and their plans are on similar lines. Aylesbury, whose delayed move to a site on the outskirts of the Buckinghamshire town was finally completed in August, have enjoyed a substantial improvement in gates at their new home, which has a 300-seat stand, covered standing accommodation and good off-the-field facilities. Their average attendance this season is around 750 and the 1,567 crowd for Tuesday's 2-1 Trophy defeat to Dagenham was their highest so far.

Fareham Town, another Southern League club, provided the shock of the round with their 2-0 win last Saturday at **Scarborough**, who on Tuesday rejoined **Barnet** at the top of the Conference table.

The other three Trophy ties all drew season's best attendances: 3,567 at **Cheltenham Town** for the 2-3 defeat against **Kidderminster Harriers**, which was the home side's best gate since 1956; 1,791 at **Burton Albion** for the 1-0 win over **Whitley Bay**; and 1,009 for **Corby Town**'s 0-3 defeat against **Maidstone United**.

In the Vauxhall-Opel League, a crowd of 2,473 saw **Yeovil Town** keep alive their promotion ambitions with a 1-0 win away to **Wycombe Wanderers**. The reverse fixture attracted a gate of 3,169.

GM Vauxhall Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	29	19	6	4	68	29	63
Scarborough	31	18	9	4	43	26	63
Altrincham	30	15	9	6	50	38	54
Enfield	30	16	4	10	46	35	52
Telford	29	13	8	8	49	38	47
Maidstone	28	14	5	9	43	38	47
Sutton U	29	13	7	9	60	39	46
Kidderminster	28	15	1	12	62	55	46
Runcorn	28	14	4	10	54	47	46
Boston U	29	13	5	11	56	53	44
Cheltenham	30	11	9	10	45	39	42
Weymouth	29	11	8	10	51	48	41
Bath	29	10	9	10	40	45	39
Dagenham	31	10	6	15	40	51	36
Stafford	27	10	5	12	40	37	35
Wealdstone	32	9	7	16	44	58	34
Kettering	27	8	6	13	38	44	30
Northwich	32	6	12	14	41	56	30
Frickley	32	6	10	16	37	58	28
Nuneaton	29	5	10	14	29	55	25
Welling	27	5	8	14	40	57	23
Gateshead	28	3	8	17	30	67	17

GOLF

Impatient Norman shares lead

Melbourne (Reuter) — Greg Norman, the world No. 1, made an impressive start to the Victorian Open with a six-under-par 66 for a share of the lead, but was angered by slow play from his fellow golfers.

Norman, joint leader with fellow Australian Roger Mackay who had an albatross two at the par five 14th, said the slowness of players had held up him and other players on every shot during a first round which took five hours to complete.

One group comprising Australians John Clifford, David Smith and Chris Tickner was penalised two shots each for slow play by match officials.

LEADING SCORES: (Aust. unless stated): 66: G Norman, R Mackay. 69: R Davis, G Sarhan, D Feherty (GB). 70: S Torrance (GB), P Foley, V Somers, I Stanley, T Gale, I Baker-Finch, L Peterson. 71: D Ecob, P Moloney, R Willis, R Swanson, S Owen (NZ). 72: A LaBrooy, R Rafferty (GB), T Maloney, J Downs, I Roberts, M Clayton, P Jones, M Colandro (U.S.), D Pannam, W Grady, B Ogle. Other British scores: 73 Gordon Brand Jnr. 74: M Bembridge, R Lee, 75: I Woosnam, N Faldo, 80: P Way, 81: M McLean.

SWIMMING

Long in strong England team

Zara Long, the double silver medal winner at last year's Commonwealth Games, will swim for a strong England team in the annual Speedo school's international, also involving Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in Galeay on Saturday, March 21. Miss Long is joined in the England line-up by fellow Kelly College student, Richard Leishman, aged 17, who competed for Scotland in Edinburgh and will swim against some of his Commonwealth Games teammates next month.

ENGLAND TEAM: Boys: (16-19): I panting (Tavistock), A Fitzgerald (Westcliff), R Leishman (Tavistock), S McQuaid (Manchester), A Rolley (Tavistock), N Metcalfe (Guiseley), D Goadby (Street). (14-16): M O'Connor (Tameside), I McKenzie (Braintree), S Brown (Farnborough), S Dronsfield (Oldham), I Stewart (York), I Williams (Maltby). (12-14): A Jones (Harrogate), R Maden (Rochdale), P Fishbaum (Ilford), A Shortman (Bristol), S Mellor (Macclesfield), C Robinson (Romford). Girls: (16-19): K Edbrooke (Guildford), J Wood (Nottingham), N Kennedy (Warwick), J Thurgoland (Stockport), H Walsh, (Street), H Sanderson (Basingstoke), K Read (Great Yarmouth). (14-16): S Kirkwood (Hornsea), H Frank (Leeds), A Jones (Liverpool), K Pickering (Brighton), Z Long (Tavistock), H Mansfield (Wigan). (12-14): J Deakins (Evesham), H Watson (Belper), T Horner (Sunderland), A Clarke (Tiverton), J Drewitt (Luton), S-L Crook (Bournemouth).

HOCKEY

Wales are the first hurdle for England

By Sydney Friskin

England need a victory over Wales today to get a good start in the qualifying tournament for the European indoor championships, being held at Torun, Poland. Later in the day they will play Sweden, who so far have made little impression at the indoor game.

In the Home Countries tournament in Dublin last month, England beat Wales 7-3, with goals by Nick Clark (2), Purchase (2), Hill, Halliday and Richard Clarke. Rhys-Jones, Colclough and Williams obtained the goals for Wales, now coached by David Cawthorne, a former England manager.

After the withdrawal of Hill from the England team for Poland, because of injury, there was a chance to bring in Richard Leman, who had distinguished himself last month in the Lada InterCity Classic for Southampton. Leman had asked not to be included in England's earlier tournaments because he needed a rest. But if invited he would certainly have gone to Poland. England's selectors however, finally chose Wisher, of St Albans, who though not in the team for Dublin, had been attending training weekends.

By the end of a more strenuous day tomorrow England will probably know whether they have qualified after they have played Italy, Austria and Poland. A lot may also depend however on the concluding match, on Sunday, against West Germany, the European champions.

England must finish at least third in the round robin series to qualify for the European championships proper in Vienna next January.

Juniors' turn to shine

By Joyce Whitehead

The Sportsco junior girls' territorial tournament starts at a new venue this weekend, on the synthetic pitches of Coventry School, Coundon. The event begins today, with the winning territory being presented the Crisp Cup on Sunday afternoon.

For most of these young players, officially aged under 18, this is the first real step on the ladder to hockey honours.

Unusually, the South have three survivors from last year, as well as seven others who are aged under 17, which augurs well for next season.

The Midlands have two players from last year: Joanne Staley also plays for the Worcestershire senior county team, and the other, Nicola Tubs, plays for Warwickshire's second XI.

● Wales have included three un-capped players in their squad of 16 to play England in a women's international at Cardiff on March 7. Helen Thomas, of Cwmbran, is selected straight from the schoolgirl side, as goalkeeper. The other new players are Ann Jones, of South Glamorgan IHE, and Sharon Lloyd, of Dyfed.

SQUAD: H Thomas (Cwmbran), A Jones (SGIHE), S Lloyd (Dyfed), J Elms (Dyfed), H Morgan (Swansea), M Medlow (Swansea), S Crowley (Evesham), R Ellis (Swansea), H Green (Newtown), S Manley (Leicester), F McCarthy (Swansea), K Roderick (Penarth), C Thomas (Clifton), S Waters (Cwmbran), C Williams (Portsmouth), M Williams (Cwmtawe).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Fourth division

Hartlepool Utd v Orient (6.45)

OTHER MATCH: Rangers v Bordeaux.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Crown and Manor v Haringey (7.0).

RUGBY UNION

B INTERNATIONAL: England v France (at Bath, 7.15).

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A: Postponed: Nottingham v Gloucester.

CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Maesteg v Penarth; Newbridge v South Glamorgan Inst; South Wales Police v Pontypool.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: English Universities v Scottish Universities (at Richmond, 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Salford v Castleford.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Tournament: Magnet Leisure centre, Maidenhead.

HOCKEY: Women's junior territorial tournament (at Coventry).

MOTOR SPORT: National Breakdown rally (Yorkshire).

SNOOKER: Dulux British open (at Assembly Rooms, Derby).

SQUASH RACKETS: World invitation tournament (at Bromley).

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor satellite tournament (at Bramhall); Junior triangular international: Great Britain v Netherlands v West Germany (at Middlesbrough Tennis World, 9.30am).

SPORT ON TV

SNOOKER: Dulux British open, Assembly Rooms, Derby C4: 2pm. ITV: 11pm.

FOOTBALL

Lineker has the tingle quotient to turn the stomachs of defenders

By David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent

In 1970 England lost a World Cup which they might well have won to the kind of anticipatory goal which makes Gary Lineker one of the most dangerous scorers in the game. With the score 2-2 in extra time in that fateful, scorching midday in Leon, Gerd Müller read the situation as Grabowski's high cross went from right to left.

Initially, Müller was moving towards the far left post but, with the ball flying high, he began to switch back towards the right post and was in position when Lohr's header returned the ball into the goalmouth in front of a stricken Bonetti.

Müller had the remarkable and unequalled record in modern football of 68 goals in 62 internationals. Cruyff, the more brilliant and intelligent, had a mere 33 in 48. Lineker, with his 18 in 21 during an era of even more comprehensive defences, carries that same luminous perception as Müller: not of where the ball is but of where it is about to be.

What was doubly exciting about Spain's defeat on Wednesday was not only Lineker's four goals but the suspicion that England may be starting to create a team around him which can exploit his exceptional talent. It was on this same ground that Ramsey's World Cup team suddenly found their coherent 4-3-3 formation 21 years ago.

While Lineker's fourth goal may have been visually the most satisfying as he swept home Beardsley's cross — five of the six goals significantly came from crosses — the one which epitomized his anticipation was the second. When Anderson headed down Hoddle's free kick across the face of the goalmouth Lineker was on to the ball before a Spaniard had time to turn or move.

It was the kind of goal which makes defenders' stomachs feel defencelessly empty. The first, equalizing goal was a tribute to Hoddle's awareness, having himself just driven a shot against the goalkeeper and being aware that Lineker was waiting for a chip to the far post.

An average of a goal a game is nowadays without equal. Lawton, Lofthouse and Mortensen were close to it in the immediate post-war period. Tommy Taylor had scored 16 in 19 games before his untimely death, but for which Winterbottom's third World Cup team might have won in Sweden, and in the 1960-63 period, covering Ramsey's succession, the rumbustious Bobby Smith scored 13 in 15.

There is an obvious temptation to compare Lineker with Greaves, who scored 44 in 57, or four times every five matches. Yet the important difference is that while Greaves had a poor record against the best opposition, especially away from home, Lineker gives you that tingling feeling that he will turn a probable draw, or save a lost match, at any moment: as he nearly did against Argentina.

Greaves was more poetic in his movement. If Lineker is waspish, Greaves was a snake in the grass, drifting unseen, then striking glorious, athletic shots without apparent effort. Terry Venables, who played with Greaves at two clubs, remembers watching him with awe, yet finding him difficult to play with, "though maybe that was me," Venables said deferentially on Wednesday night.

How Lineker and Greaves compare

GREAVES: England: 57 matches, 44 goals. England Under-23: 12, 13. England Youth: 10, 19. Inter-League: 10, 6. Chelsea: 169, 132. Tottenham Hotspur: 379, 267. West Ham United: 41, 13. *AC Milan: 14, 9. Total: 692 matches, 503 goals.

LINEKER: England: 21 matches, 18 goals. Leicester City: 215, 100. Everton: 57, 39. *Barcelona: 23, 14. Total: 316 matches, 171 goals.

* denotes League matches only.

The impact of Lineker's scoring may be gauged from the fact that Bobby Charlton, Hurst, Hunt, Channon and Chivers scored at a rate of around once every two matches and Haynes, Peters, Keegan, Bryan Robson, Woodcock and Mariner around once in three.

Venables does not think Lineker's game has altered in any particular aspect since joining Barcelona, only that he is improving with natural development. "He was a bit slow after coming back from the World Cup but that's common," Venables says, "and now he's as sharp as ever. He must have been rolling his eyes waiting to get at those spaces in the Spanish defence."

The manager of Spain's leading club is not belittling either his own forward's achievement or England's. He was hugely impressed by the team's unity: the authority of Hoddle's passing in response to the running of Lineker and Beardsley, the effectiveness of Bryan Robson in confronting Butragueno in front of England's back four to reduce the threat of that elusive centre forward. "England looked like a team," he says.

Yet Venables points to the odd use by Miguel Muñoz of two sweepers, Gallego and Arteche, with Arteche playing as a marker, and that Spain were slightly playing into the hands of opponents getting four men forward, sometimes six with Hoddle and Robson. Spain's midfield never operated smoothly.

It should be said in reservation, therefore, that though England played Spain out of sight between the first and last quarter of an hour, Spain's form now, in a friendly match, could not be related to their outstanding performances during the World Cup. In casting superlatives at England's team in the post-match euphoria, we should be conscious that not all of them may stick.

Adams's debut was sufficiently promising to suppose not only that he may become a partner for Butcher but an eventual replacement. I cannot see Butcher surviving until 1990 though, as Don Howe says, it suits Adams to play on the right side, allowing Butcher the left.

While Bobby Robson must be greatly encouraged, we need to see what England will do against opposition which closes down more tightly on Lineker and Beardsley and denies the midfield the possession which they enjoyed on Wednesday: as Argentina did in Mexico for an hour. It could next happen when England play in Yugoslavia in November.

Miss Buckley: left out in the cold by an Association rule preventing girls from competing

Schoolgirl banned by ESFA

By John Goodbody

Islington Green's outstanding player in its Under-12 team has been banned from playing in the quarter-finals in an inter-school competition because she's a girl.

The English Schools Football Association has told Bill Bailey, the Secretary of Islington Schools FA, of its regulation that no girls are allowed to take part in Cup competitions.

The case of Natasha Buckley, who played a major part in her school's first-round victory over Holloway School, will be taken up by Mr Bailey this week-end when he will meet Steve Allott, the secretary of the ESFA. Mr Bailey hopes to get a change in the law at the Annual General Meeting in July.

But this will be too late for Miss Buckley, who had hoped to play against Sir William Collins on March 4.

Peter Lammas, the head of physical education at Islington Green, said yesterday: "The team will be disheartened that she cannot play. We believe in equal opportunities for all.

Miss Buckley said she preferred to play football rather than watch it. "But I support Tottenham Hotspur. I go to watch them sometimes and see games on television. I would like to be like Glenn Hoddle when I grow up."

Her performance brought praise from Alan Wright, master in charge of football at beaten rival Holloway School and also a senior FA coach: "She has got all the good things you look for in a footballer. I wish we had her in our team."

Credit for Hughes in Lineker's wake

By Clive White

Not everyone residing in Catalonia was so delighted to see the Spanish capital brought to its knees by Barcelona's Gary Lineker. Mark Hughes, who has more in common than most with the adopted English matador, could have done with a less prolific performance by his club colleague.

Hughes is having enough difficulty keeping up with Lineker in the Spanish League without his fellow Briton seizing the international spotlight as well. Yet Hughes bears no grudges: he would just like a little recognition himself.

Talking after his energetic but unrewarding performance for Wales in their goalless and disappointingly lifeless draw with the Soviet Union at Swansea on Wednesday, Hughes said: "In Spain, if you wear a No. 9 on your back, they expect you to score goals. I like to get involved elsewhere on the field, but I don't get much credit for it."

Unselfishly, Hughes thought that despite Lineker's adulation in the Catalan capital, the Englishman, too, had not been given the credit he deserved internationally. Lineker finished second to Igor Belanov, of the Soviet Union, for the European Footballer of the Year Award, although he doubted whether that would have been the case had the correspondents of *France Football* been voting yesterday morning.

"I was a bit disappointed with Belanov on Wednesday and only impressed with the Russians in parts. They're good at playing triangles and drawing you in but I don't think they really pushed themselves too much," he said.

Hughes said that he had had to ease up on the aggression, a fundamental part of his game, since playing in Spain. "The referees there stamp down on anything demonstrative. It was hard for me at first but I think I've found a happy medium now."

I doubt whether the Soviets would have appreciated his new-found gentleness. He gave Sulakvelidze, the Soviet central defender, such a 'unfriendly' time of it that the Dynamo Tblisi player lost his composure and was eventually booked. But there is a lot more than muscle in Hughes's game and Giampiero Boniperti, the Juventus president, who had come to the Vetch Field to praise Rush, must have found himself distracted — or attracted — by the man from Barcelona.

However, the performance only served to remind Mike England, the Wales manager, of what he will be missing at Wrexham on April 1 when they receive Finland in the European Championship without the fiery Hughes. He will be concluding a suspension earned in his Wales Under-21 days over four years ago.

England hopes that Jeremy Charles, whose uncle, John once filled so magnificently the Juventus role that now beckons Rush, will recover from a cartilage operation to forge a successful partnership with the Liverpool man, if only briefly.

Bassett offered new contract

Wimbledon are hopeful that their manager, Dave Bassett, will sign a new three-year contract despite speculation that the club are about to propose a merger with Crystal Palace. Stanley Reed, the Wimbledon chairman, said yesterday: "Dave Bassett has been offered an extension to his contract, which he is now considering."

Mr Reed also denied that Wimbledon were planning a takeover bid for Queen's Park Rangers.

● Aston Villa have completed the £200,000 signing of the Everton forward, Warren Aspinall. The forward, aged 19, signed from Wigan Athletic a year ago, did not start a single League match for Everton. "I thought I might have been given a chance by now," he said.

● Noel Cantwell, the Peterborough manager, has launched a £100,000 appeal to raise money to buy new players for the fourth division club — and started the ball rolling with a personal donation of £500. The aim is to accumulate cash for Peterborough to strengthen their promotion challenge.

● Burnley have signed the 25-year old Northern Ireland international forward, Mark Caughey from Hibernian on a month's loan. Caughey, formerly with Linfield, who was a member of his country's squad in the World Cup, leads Burnley's attack at Halifax tomorrow.

● Barry Lloyd, whose Brighton side have yet to win since he took over as manager five weeks ago, completed his first transfer yesterday when he signed the Chelsea central defender, Robert Isaac. Brighton are paying Chelsea £35,000 for the 21-year old central defender with another £15,000 due after he has played 30 first team games. He is in the side for tomorrow's home game with Oldham.

● Bristol City, the Freight Rover Trophy holders, have been drawn at home in the southern section semi-finals to fellow third division promotion hopefuls, Gillingham.

DRAW: Semi-finals (Northern section): Wrexham v Chester; Middlesbrough v Bury or Mansfield. (Southern section): Swindon v Aldershot; Bristol City v Gillingham. Ties to be played week commencing March 9.

GOLF

Stars fall foul of TV's private eye

From John Ballantine, Los Angeles

Craig Stadler, who was disqualified after the San Diego Open last Sunday because a TV viewer rang officials at the course to protest that he had seen Stadler make an illegal shot, teed off early in the Los Angeles Open yesterday nervously hoping that he was not going to be the victim again of "trial by TV".

Stadler believed that he had finished joint runner-up and won about £25,000 at Sunday's close of play. Millions of viewers thought so too, until it was disclosed that one of their number in the San Diego area had made the fateful telephone call which had "fingered" the former Masters' champion.

In Saturday's third round Stadler had knelt on a towel under a tree to avoid muddying his pants, while making a recovery stroke. As some wag pointed out later, the resulting loss of income would have paid the dry-cleaning bills of his entire family for the rest of his life. Because someone called in to quote the rule-book, Stadler went home in disgrace and now says: "It's just one of those lessons you have to learn. I certainly won't do anything like that again."

There have been two other incidents in the San Diego area in previous years, leading some amateur Philip Marlows to wonder if there is a barrack-room lawyer of a sportswatcher in the city, who specializes in spotting infractions and takes malicious pleasure in reporting them.

In the 1980 Tournament of Champions, at nearby La Costa, someone called in to complain after Tom Watson, on television, had appeared to offer Lee Trevino some advice. Watson was assessed a two-stroke penalty but still went on to win.

One year later in the same tournament, possibly the same "prosecution witness" complained about Ron Streck moving a branch to play his stroke; again a two-stroke penalty was imposed. Perhaps the same viewer has cut another notch on the corner of his set.

Ken Brown was out early but Seve Ballesteros and Philip Parkin went out very late.

RUGBY UNION

B matches can play vital role

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

If the present England selection panel have their way, this evening's B international at Bath between England and France will be the first of a series at this level played on the eve of a Five Nations championship match. Should that prove the case, it will bring order to what has been, hitherto, a haphazard arrangement and will offer a realistic test bed for potential senior internationals.

England have their own B coach — in this case, Alan Davies — and for this match, their own management team consisting of Davies, Tony Jorden, one of the four national selectors, and "Chalkie" White, the RFU's technical administrator for the area in which the match is being played.

It is high time the B matches received a regular place in the representative pattern. England came late into this level, sending their first party abroad in 1978, some eight years after the other home countries and France had begun an exchange of B fixtures. Since then games have been played on an ad hoc basis and some seasons have passed without a domestic fixture at all.

France have been played twice, in 1979 in Brussels and 1981 in Bristol, each time the result going with home advantage (if Brussels can be called home for the French, who were contributing to that city's birthday celebrations).

It is an important match for England for many reasons not least the question of pride, severely dented in Ireland a fortnight ago, which can be redressed by both England sides this weekend, and of ambition, since there are places to be won in the World Cup squad at the end of this season.

ENGLAND B: J Webb (Bristol); M Bailey (Wasps, captain), F Clough (Orrell), W Carling (Durham University and Harlequins), C Oti (Cambridge University and Nottingham); P. Williams (Orrell), D Holmes (Sheffield); L Johnson (Coventry), A Simmons (Wasps), J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Redman (Bath), D Cusani (Orrell), A Robinson (Bath), S Hughes (Nottingham).

FRANCE B: J Bianchi (Toulon); P Estève (Narbonne), S Gaubier (Graulhet), A Sala (Graulhet), P Lagisquet (Bayonne); D Camberabero (Béziers), H Sanz (Graulhet, captain); P Marocco (Montferrand), J-P Canti (Valence), P Laval (Brive), K Janik (Toulouse), Y Théron (Bourgoin), G Bourguignon (Narbonne), C Rougnat (Dax), F Médard (Blagnac).

Referee: R Yemen (Wales).

Depleted England try again

The English Universities make their second attempt to play Scottish Universities at Richmond today, having been foiled by the frosty weather last month (David Hands writes).

The Athletic Ground will be hard again this afternoon and the English are without their B internationals, Webb and Carling, because of the clash with the game at Bath.

Nevertheless, the English will hope to make up for a heavy defeat in Cork at the hands of the Irish Universities last month. Hill, from University College, London, replaces Webb, while in midfield, Jeavons-Fellows, of Bristol, and MacNaughton, of Liverpool, form a new central combination in place of Carling and the injured Buzza.

Two adjustments have had to be made to the pack originally chosen: Mullins, Durham's captain, withdrew, which leaves room for Birkett, of Reading; and Sibald, the Bristol lock, replaces Swan, of Liverpool.

But a lively back row remain, of whom Sheasby is due to play for Harlequins this weekend.

The Irish Universities lost 27-12 to Welsh Universities at Penarth on Wednesday evening. Sound scrummaging brought the Welsh victory, and Teleni, the Fijian international, scored one of their five tries.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: S Hill (UCL); J Perkins (Bristol), H Jeavons-Fellows (Bristol), B MacNaughton (Liverpool), D Kennell (Bradford); A Sutton (Loughborough), M Hancock (Loughborough); V Obogu (Birmingham), M Humphreys-Evans (Nottingham), A Birkett (Reading), S Swales (Bristol), A Sibald (Bristol), M Reid (Loughborough), S Holmes (UEA, captain), C Sheasby (King's College, London).

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES: J Weston (St Andrews); I Frater (Aberdeen), G Hiscocks (St Andrews), D McKee (Stirling), G McKenzie (Strathclyde); G Dodd (St Andrews), A Nunn (Stirling); D Addington (Aberdeen), T McConnell-Wood (Heriot-Watt, captain), J Ashworth (Heriot-Watt), M Walker (Aberdeen), F Byrne (Strathclyde), W Malcolm (Stirling), P Minto (Glasgow), N Harris (Aberdeen).

Ringland clear

Trevor Ringland, Ireland's right wing, flew to Edinburgh with the side yesterday, and looks almost certain to play in tomorrow's international against Scotland at Murrayfield (George Ace writes). Ringland's injured calf muscle survived a two-hour practice at Lansdowne Road yesterday afternoon, and barring an over-night reaction, he will be fit.

TENNIS

Croft loses but shows she is no walkover

It was not an illusion, a fantasy. Annabel Croft, who last year slipped so far so quickly, who was frequently reduced to tears as her game disappeared into the depths of despair, was fighting world No. 10 Gabriela Sabatini point for point in the Virginia Slims of Florida (Barry Wood writes).

Miss Croft lost 6-2, 6-4, not because she was outclassed but because it was Sabatini that won the important points.

Croft, ranked No. 24 a year ago but now languishing at 92, produced a high a percentage of first serves, floated her backhand and pounded her forehand. And although the first set was 6-2 there were 13 deuces.

"She was just hitting loopy topspin shots and I probably wasn't patient enough on the big points, but she didn't seem to be playing nearly as well as the last time I played her," Croft said.

RESULTS: Second round: S Graf (WG) bt A Kanellopoulou (Gr) 6-2, 6-0; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt E Pfaff (WG) 6-4, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Croft (GB) 6-2, 6-4; M J Fernandez (US) bt L Savchenko (USSR) 6-2, 6-1; S Goles (Yug) bt C Tanvier (Fr) 4-6, 6-1, 3-0 retired; H Kelesi (Can) bt L Gildemeister (Peru) 0-6, 7-5, 6-2; R Reggi (It) bt G Rush Magers (US) 6-4, 6-3; B Bunge (WG) bt P Casale (US) 6-3, 6-1

Shaw fails to reach final

Stephen Shaw failed in his attempt to reach the final of the LTA men's indoor satellite tournament at the Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall, yesterday, losing in just under two hours to Olivier Delaitre, of France.

The powerfully-built Shaw, attempting to make a comeback on the international circuit, had his service broken in the eighth game of the final set after a costly double fault. Shaw held two break points in the next game but an ace from Delaitre and two badly hit backhands by Shaw swung the match in the Frenchman's favour, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

SEMI-FINALS: F Sauer (Neth) bt D Engel (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; O Delaitre (Fr) bt S Shaw (GB) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

PRESTON: Triangular international: England 5, Sweden 2 (English names first): Men: Singles: N Yates bt P Jonsson, 9-4, 5-9, 3-9, 3-5, 9-3; D Hall bt U Johansson, 9-2, 9-7, 9-5. Doubles: M Tredgett and A Goode bt Jonsson and J-E Antonsson, 5-9, 9-8, 9-3, 9-4; D Talor and Hall bt P Axelsson and J Olsson, 9-6, 9-5, 4-9, 9-5. Women: Singles: F Elliott bt C Magnusson, 9-7, 8-9, 9-6, 9-3. Doubles: G Clark and G Gowers lost to Magnusson and M Bengtsson, 9-5, 8-9, 3-9, 8-9. Mixed doubles: Goode and Miss Elliott lost to Antonsson and Miss Bengtsson, 9-5, 9-5, 4-9, 5-9, 4-9. Denmark 6, Sweden 1 (Danish names first): Men: Singles: M Frost bt P G Jonsson, 9-1, 9-6, 9-3; M Kjeldsen bt U Johansson, 9-6, 9-2, 9-4. Doubles: S Fladberg and J Paulsen bt Jonsson and J-E Antonsson, 9-6, 9-4, 9-5; M Gandrup and T Lund bt P Axelsson and J Olsson, 9-2, 9-5, 9-4. Women: Singles: K Larsen bt C Magnusson, 9-5, 9-5, 9-7. Doubles: G Paulsen and G Mogensen bt Magnusson and M Bengtsson, 5-9, 9-4, 9-5, 4-9, 9-5. Mixed doubles: Fladberg and Miss Paulsen lost to Antonsson and Miss Bengtsson, 7-9, 6-9, 5-9.

BOWLS

IPSWICH: Lombard champion of champions: Eastern area: Quarter-finals: K Hills (Sudbury) bt M Knowles (Cheshunt), 21-11; Cutts bt N Franklin (Wisbech), 21-16; Palmer bt K Kitteridge (Old Hall, Thetford), 21-16; B Howes (Norfolk and Norwich) bt S Wade (Northampton), 21-9.

BASKETBALL

KORAC CUP: Semi-finals: First leg: In Zaragoza: Limoges (Fr) 85, CAI Zaragoza (Sp) 76. In Orthez: Elan Bearnais Orthez (Fr) 84, Real Madrid (Sp) 82. In Caserta: Mobilgirgi Caserta (It) 96, Barcelona (Sp) 87. RONCHETTI CUP: Semi final: First leg: In Riga: Daugawa Riga (USSR) bt Iskra Delta-Jezica (Yug), 73-54. In Milan: Femminile Milano (It) 96, Vysoke Skoly Praga (Cz), 65. CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Calderdale Explorers 67, Homespare Bolton and Bury 72; Alphaprint Hemel and Watford 88, HFS Portsmouth 90; Leicester Riders 134, Sunderland 76ers 92; Draper Tools Solent Stars 95, BCP London 111

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	L	Pts
Portsmouth	23	21	2	40
Kingston	23	20	3	40
Man Utd	23	18	5	36
BCP London	23	17	6	34
Leicester	24	16	8	32
Bracknell	23	11	12	22
Calderdale	23	9	14	18
Hemel/Watford	22	7	15	14
Solent	23	7	16	14
Birmingham	22	7	15	14
Sunderland	23	6	17	12
Bolton/Bury	22	5	18	9
Derby	22	4	18	8

NBL: Second division: Men: Oldham Celtics 135, Swindon Rakers 86.

CRICKET

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: Representative match (60 overs): Australia under-19 277 (59.4 overs) (G Chambers 61, J Scuden 59); Tasman 99 (49.1 overs).

CYCLING

TOUR OF VALENCIA: Second stage (100 miles, Spanish unless stated): 1, M Hermans (Neth) 4:55:08; 2, A Gutierrez, same time; 3, A Balboa, same. Overall: 1, J L Vandenbroucke (Bel) 10:46:08; 2, J Villar at 7sec; 3, S Roche (Ire), at 14sec. Third stage (133km): 1, B Richard (Fr); 2, P R Caoestany (Sp); 3, S Roche (Ire)

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Ipswich 4; Millwall 3, Southampton 3.

GOLF

MANILA: Philippine open: First round: 68: P Morgan (US); P Izumigawa (Japan). 69: B Brown (US). 70: T Pernice (US); L Weng Sheng (Taiwan); J Maggert (US). 71: Lim Tze-Cheng (Taiwan); P Braza (Phil); G Twigg (US); A Pate (US). 72: A Fernando (Phil); P Armour (US); D Tennis (US); R Antonio (Phil); R Lavares (Phil); H Wen-Neng (Taiwan); D Briggs (US); R Michael (US).

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia women's open: First round: 69: I Shiotani (Japan). 72: N Sesp (Japan); R Mizunaga (Japan). 73: K Yamaguchi (Japan); H Inoue (Japan); T Tatum (US). 74: L Neumann (Swe); J Soulsby (GB). 75: Chen Ping-lan (Taiwan); K Suzuki (Japan).

HARARE: Zimbabwe Open: Leading first round: (GB unless stated): 67: A Stubbs. 68: A Murray; M Johnson. 69: G Ralph; J Higgins. 70: T Charnley; B Koen (Zim); R Fish; J Fowler. 71: L Jones; M Sunesson (Swe); M Poxon; G Davies. 72: D Jagger; A Sherborne; M Tomlinson; D Williams; P Harrison; T Price (Zim).

HANDBALL

BOLZANO, Italy: World championships: Men: Group A: Rumania 23, Italy 14; Poland 35, Finland 23. Group B: France 26, Norway 23. USSR 31, Japan 14; France 26, Norway 23. Soviet Union 31, Japan 14.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New York Islanders 1, Montreal Canadiens 1 (ot); Buffalo Sabres 4, Boston Bruins 3; Hartford Whalers 6, New Jersey Devils 3; Detroit Red Wings 5, Winnipeg Jets 2; Minnesota North Stars 7, Vancouver Canucks 3; Edmonton Oilers 9, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Los Angeles Kings 7, Washington Capitals 4.

NORDIC SKIING

OBERSTDORF, West Germany: World championships: Combined team event (ski-jumping and cross-country): 1, West Germany (T Mueller, H-P Pohl and H Weinbuch), 1,261.94pts; 2, Norway (T Bredesen, T Loekken and H Boegseth), 1,244.58; 3, Soviet Union (A Dundukov, A Levandi and S Chervyakov), 1,236.70. Nations Cup standings: 1, Norway, 377pts; 2, Soviet Union, 261; 3, West Germany, 218; 4, Switzerland, 201; 5, Austria, 164; 6, United States, 90; 7, Japan, 60; 8, East Germany, 53; 9, Finland, 43; 10, Czechoslovakia, 31

AVIEMORE: United Kingdom national championships: Senior men 15km: 1, B Muirhead (1KOSB); 2, McPherson (35Eng); 3, P McAuley (1KOSB). Women: 1, L MacKenzie (Strathspey). Junior men 10km: 1, M Hamilton (1KOSB); 2, Smith; 3, Barber. Women: 1, E MacPherson. 1km sprint: 1, B Muirhead (1KOSB); 2, P McAuley (1KOSB); 3, McPherson (35Eng). 3 x 5km relay: 1, KOSB A team; 2, Strathspey; 3, KOSB B team

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgwater 9, Exeter 15; Cardiff 18, Bristol 13; Coventry 20, Cheltenham 0; Glamorgan W 16, Aberavon 24; Oxford University 8, The Army 16; Pontypridd 7, Neath 30; Newbridge 16, Maesteg 16

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: St Helen's 42, Warrington 22; Wigan 30, Leeds 6. Postponed: Bradford N v Hull; Wakefield v Hull KR

SILK CUT CUP: Second round replay: Widnes 29, Bradford 12

IN BRIEF

Stubbs sets the pace

Harare, (AFP) — England's Andrew Stubbs shot a five-under-par 67 to take the first round lead in the Zimbabwe Open golf championship at the Royal Harare club yesterday.

While many of the top names struggled in the perfect conditions Stubbs went out in 33, including four birdies and came back in 34 with two more. He leads by one stroke from two more Englishmen, Andrew Murray and Mark Johnson.

Teague appeal

The former England back row forward Mike Teague is to appeal against a 45 days ban imposed for punching a Bridgend forward. "I feel the suspension was far too harsh," said the Gloucester No.8 yesterday.

Tough choice

The former Great Britain rugby league coach Maurice Bamford, who resigned the position because of his wife's ill health, has been asked to choose between two jobs, one as coach of Leeds, the other as the first local authority rugby league development officer, with the City of Leeds.

Wigan offer

Wigan, who have signed a record £100,000 sponsorship contract over three years with JJB Sports, have offered a three-year contract to their Australian forward Ian Roberts, who is returning to Sydney this weekend.

AFA post

Gillian Kennedy, former judo international and administrator, has been appointed general secretary of the Amateur Fencing Association, to take over gradually from the retiring secretary Mrs Joan Pienne.

Gilford boost

David Gilford, the former Walker Cup golfer, has signed a three-year sponsorship deal with the Staffordshire firm Dombur worth £60,000.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	30	130	good	powder	good	snow	-1
New snow on good base							
St Anton	60	300	good	powder	good	snow	-3
New snow on hard base							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	100	150	good	powder	good	fine	-8
New snow on good base							
Tignes	150	200	good	powder	good	fair	-8
Good skiing everywhere							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	170	icy	powder	good	cloud	-5
Pistes icy, but skiing good							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	80	160	good	powder	fair	snow	-6
New snow on hard base							
Gstaad	55	95	good	good	fair	snow	-1
Good skiing							
Mürren	100	178	good	powder	good	snow	-9
Superb off piste							
Saas-Fee	90	250	good	powder	fair	snow	-6
All runs in good condition							
Villars	60	160	good	powder	good	snow	-6
Good skiing on and off piste							
Zermatt	75	195	good	varied	good	fair	-5
Poor visibility							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

FRANCE

	Depth(cm) Min	Depth(cm) Max
Haute Savoie/Savoie		
Les Arcs	75	200
Notre Dame de Bellecombe	60	120
Les Carroz	60	200
Chamonix	55	210
Châtel	120	170
La Clusaz	45	185
Les Contamines	40	170
Le Corbier	65	130
Courchevel	135	180
Crest Voland	75	165
Flaine	110	210
Les Gets	50	120
Megève	55	185
Les Menuires	85	220
Méribel	120	185
Morzine-Avoriaz	80	200
La Rosière	125	210
Val Cenis	50	110
Val d'Isère	100	150
Valfréjus	60	100
Valloire	50	120
Valmorel	80	150
Valthorens	180	250
Isère		
Alpe d'Huez	110	200
Autrans	80	120
Chamrousse	90	100
Les deux Alpes	95	230
Villard de Lans	70	110
Alpes du Sud		
Isola 2000	140	180
Montgenèvre	60	80
Les Orres	50	100
Pra Loup	50	80
Risoul 1850	70	90
Serre Chevalier	30	100
Vars	50	65
Pyrénées		
Les Angles	35	100
Barèges	40	200
Cauterets	140	220
Font Romeu	40	50
Gourette	30	200
La Mongie	90	150
Saint Lary	70	90
Superbagnères	40	120

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

AUSTRIA

	Depth(cm) Min	Depth(cm) Max
Lech	120	250
Mayrhofen	30	100
Neustift	40	90
Niederau	20	100
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	90	170
Schladming	30	150
Seefeld	80	90
Söll	50	150
Zell Am See	20	150

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow spring snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete but narrow spring snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow spring snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, some runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1400ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1400ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: dry with sunny periods; light westerly winds; freezing level, 4000ft. Outlook for tomorrow: little change.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office

EQUESTRIANISM

Court favours Charles

From Jenny MacArthur, The Netherlands

Peter Charles, the highest placed British rider in the European League for the Volvo World Cup, is set to resume his place on the World Cup circuit following this week's court order that his two top horses, April Sun and Merrimandias, can remain with him at his Surrey yard until their owner, Cecil Williams, finds a buyer for them.

Charles, presently in the middle of a bitter dispute with Williams centered on the terms under which the horses came to his yard, said after the court hearing that he is now hopeful that he will ride April Sun in the World Cup final in April — for which he looks likely to qualify. He is missing the World Cup qualifier in 's-Hertogenbosch this week but intends to take up his place at the Geneva show next month and at Gothenburg in Sweden in April.

Williams, however, intends to sell the horses as soon as possible and says he already has several people interested in the asking price of £500,000 for two horses — £450,000 being for the outstanding nine-year-old, April Sun. Williams, who has three promising young novice horses at his home, including a half-brother of April Sun's, said he had learned his lesson from this dispute which will not be resolved until the case goes for trial in April or May. He will never again, he says, let any of his horses leave his yard. "In future, whoever rides them will have to come to me."

April Sun, the horse at the centre of the dispute, has rarely been out of the headlines in the last year. He nearly died from a twisted gut while on the boat to Sweden for the World Cup final in April. By August he was back in work and helping Britain to victory in the Dublin and Liège and the Nations Cups. There was less welcome publicity with the announcement that a dope test made on the horse in Liège had proved positive and Britain had to forfeit the Nations Cup.

By November Charles and April Sun were covering themselves in glory when competing with the British team on the North American tour where successes in New York and Toronto took him to the top of the European League for the Volvo World Cup.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Seven: Scotland 0, Republic of Ireland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	1	2	0	9	3	4
Scotland	4	1	2	1	3	1	4
Rep of Ire	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Bulgaria	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 1: Bulgaria v Republic of Ireland, Belgium v Scotland; April 29: Republic of Ireland v Belgium; April 30: Luxembourg v Bulgaria; May 20: Bulgaria v Luxembourg; May 28: Luxembourg v Republic of Ireland; September 9: Republic of Ireland v Luxembourg; September 23: Bulgaria v Belgium; October 14: Scotland v Belgium, Republic of Ireland v Bulgaria; November 11: Belgium v Luxembourg, Bulgaria v Scotland; December 2: Luxembourg v Scotland.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Spain 2, England 4; Israel 1, Northern Ireland 1; Wales 0, Soviet Union 0.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Spain 1, England 2.

THIRD DIVISION: Darlington 0, Bolton Wanderers 1

FULL MEMBERS CUP: Quarter-final: Postponed: Norwich v Portsmouth.

GMAC CUP: Third round: Burton 3, Morecambe 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Maidstone 1, Frickley 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Second round replay: Worksop 1, Barrow 4.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Tonbridge 3, Hastings 0. Premier division: Postponed: Fareham v Aylesbury.

FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Boston United 3, Barnet 3 (aet).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest 1, Leeds 2. Postponed: Hull v Man City. Second division: Scunthorpe 2, Bolton 2; West Bromwich Albion 1, Grimsby 2; York 2, Wigan 2; Preston North End 4, Barnsley 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Oxford United 0, Watford 4. Postponed: Crystal Palace v Brighton; Norwich v Reading.

MACBAR SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City reserves 1, Torquay United reserves 1. Cardiff City reserves 6, Plymouth Argyle reserves 1

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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Screen spinster: Deddie Davies as Bambi Bamber in My Husband and I (ITV, 8.30pm)

The Nazi men on the moon

CHOICE

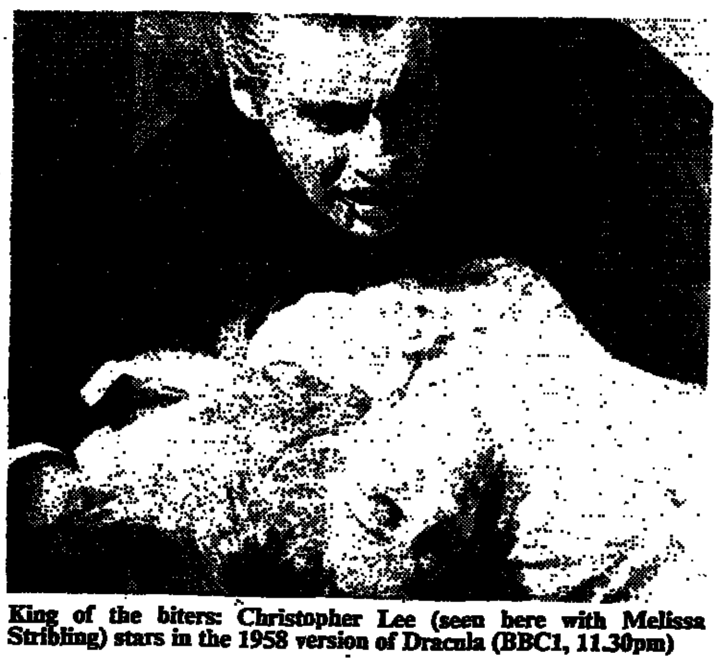
● German scientist Werner von Braun was chummy with Himmler. Yet by the 1960s von Braun was an American hero in a limousine next to President Kennedy. **The Paperclip Conspiracy** (BBC1, 10.20pm) based on the book serialized in last week's *Times*, shows how the Pentagon secretly hijacked top Nazi scientists to work on the space race and white-washed their pasts when necessary. The prize: a man on the moon 20 years ahead of schedule. "They were bastards with brains," concludes a survivor of a secret Nazi rocket base where slave labour and starvation accounted for 20,000 lives. "One can be as guilty as the man who pulled the trigger," he adds, "without actually pulling the trigger."

● Flying bowler hats in **Arena** (BBC2, 9.35pm) as oddball film-maker David Lynch (*Eraserhead, The Elephant Man*) hosts a Cook's tour of surrealist movies (Ernst, Man Ray, Duchamp, Cocteau), and manages a plug for his own latest film, *Blue Velvet*. Lynch calls surrealism "the sub-conscious speaking". These often fascinating examples of early avant-garde cinema make one realize how little surrealism influences contemporary television.

● Giving away the plots of soap operas is a regrettable innovation of the present decade, but the news that **Cheers** (Ch4, 10pm) is likely to lose its heroine, Diane Chambers, at the end of the present season (Shelley Long, the actress who plays her, plans to concentrate on films) adds emphasis to the bitter-sweet note always lurking beneath the laughter of this delightful series. Miss Long will be lucky to find in Hollywood a vehicle so attuned to her talent.

Chris Petit

● *Peter Davalle writes:* In Henry Becque's two plays, **Les Corbeaux** (tonight, 7.30pm) and **La Parisienne** (next Friday), Radio 3 gives us two rare chances to savour the distinctive style of a writer whose forte was objective moralizing. Considering that *La Corbeaux* deals with a flock of human scavengers who peck away at what's left of a bourgeois family's assets after its bread-winner dies, it is astounding that in two hours of radio time, neither Becque nor his translator, David Walker, ever once wag an admonishing finger in the faces of his rapacious characters.



King of the biters: Christopher Lee (seen here with Melissa Stribling) stars in the 1958 version of Dracula (BBC1, 11.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Jeremy Paxman, and Sally Magnusson. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**

8.40 Watchdog. Consumer complaints investigated. **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day**. Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and the studio audience, discuss surrogate motherhood. **9.45 Advice Line.** Viewers' social security questions answered.

10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School.** (r) **10.50 The Wombles.** (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Dora Bryan with a thought for the day **11.00 News and weather 11.05 Your Life in Their Hands.** Medical men investigate a shadow on the lung of Donald House. (r) **11.35 Open Air.** Viewers comment on last night's television programmes. Includes news and weather at 12.00.

12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Julia has a surprise visitor at the bank which leaves her staggered. **1.50 Mop and Smiff.** (r)

2.05 The Liver Birds. Vintage comedy series about two Liverpool lassies. (r) **2.35 Knots Landing.** Karen attempts to lure her husband's killers to Knots Landing. **3.25 Box Clever.** Family quiz game.

3.50 Henry's Cat 4.10 Yogi Bear (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Bernard Cribbins with part three of The Reluctant Dragon **4.30 Secrets Out.** Mike Smith with another round of the odd hobbies quiz.

4.55 Newsround Extra. John Craven reports from Traiskirchen refugee camp, 20 miles south of Vienna. (Ceefax) **5.05 Grange Hill.** Episode 14. (Ceefax)

5.35 Fax. Disagreements are settled by Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix, and Billy Butler.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. With Jan Leeming, Boy George, Spike Milligan, and Eric Idle.

7.40 Blankety Blank. Joining Les Dawson are The Beverley Sisters, Michael Fish, John Kettley, and Ian McCaskill. (Ceefax)

8.10 The Colbys. While Sable is tangling in a tango with Zach, Bliss lures Nikolai to the summer house. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Rockliffe's Babies. Georgiou is mugged and his warrant card and a ticket for a big fight are among the items stolen from his wallet. (Ceefax)

10.20 The Paperclip Conspiracy. The story of how useful German scientists' wartime records were tampered with to allow them to become United States citizens. (see Choice)

11.30 Film: Dracula (1958) starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing. The Hammer version of the Bram Stoker novel in which Van Helsing investigates the disappearance of his friend, Jonathan Harker, on a visit to Count Dracula. Directed by Terence Fisher.

12.50 Weather.

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Motion - Newton's Law. Ends at **7.20**

9.00 Ceefax.

9.52 Daytime on Two: part five of Fair Ground! **10.15** Glasgow Pakistanis' contribution to life in Central Scotland **10.38** Defending the coastlines of Dorset and Hampshire against erosion **11.00** Wondermaths **11.17** A profile of Greenville, a poor Mississippi town.

11.40 The wool traders of the Middle Ages **12.00** English: science fiction **12.32** Teenagers talk about leaving home. (Ends at 12.52) **1.00** Furniture design **1.33** Searching for the self **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year olds.

2.15 Heroin: Addicted Crime. A Panorama report on the link between heroin addiction in this country and the soaring crime-rate. (r)

3.00 News and weather.

3.03 Wild World. The wildlife of New York City. Written and narrated by Kenneth Allsop. (r)

3.50 News, regional news, and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.25 Bazaar. (r)

4.55 Delia Smith's One is Fun. Three recipes (r)

5.10 Horizon: Energy From Outer Space. Professor Thomas Gold's theory that there are deep, untapped sources of energy within the earth's crust that have lain dormant since the planet's creation. (r)

6.00 Film: Lassie - The Miracle (1975) The resourceful canine befriends a mute little boy. Directed by Dick Moder and Jack B Hively.

7.15 Hua Shan - The One Way Mountain. A journey to Wild Geese Peak up the treacherous path of one of China's holy mountains.

7.30 Ebony. A special report on black cinema.

8.00 On the Road. Diane Kenwood visits a deer farm in Weybridge; Glyn Worsnip examines the future for Chatham Dockyard; and John Diamond meets identical 40-year-old twins from Leigh-on-Sea who have are racing each other to millionaire status.

8.30 Gardeners' World. How to plan and prepare a small vegetable garden.

9.00 Indelible Evidence: Process of Elimination. Forensic scientists help the police trace the killer of a sexually-abused 11-year old boy.

9.35 Arena: Ruth, Roses and Revolver. Film director David Lynch presents a personal view of the work of surrealist film-makers. (see Choice)

10.25 Newsnight 11.10 Weather.

11.15 Film: Hard, Fast and Beautiful* (1951) starring Claire Trevor and Sally Forest. Drama about a social climbing mother who pushes her talented tennis-playing daughter to the edge of a nervous breakdown. Directed by Ida Lupino. Ends at **12.35.**

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6.15 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Anneka Rice. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35.** After Nine includes Russell Grant's astrology; and, at **9.17,** exercises with Lizzie Webb.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: natural history **9.47** How We Used to Live: motor hill climbing **10.09** Maths: squares **10.26** Earth's alternative resources **10.50** German for 12- to 14-year olds **11.15** A fishing boat delivers its catch to market **11.27** Lifting loads **11.44** Use of computers.

12.00 The Raggy Dolls. (r) **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets. **12.30 A Sense of the Past** introduced by Graeme Garden. Gavin Stamp talks about the architecture of the Thirties.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**

1.30 Film: Golden Rendezvous (1977) starring Richard Harris, Ann Turkel, and David Janssen. Thriller about a ship with a cargo of gamblers. When members of the crew are murdered the First Officer realises that the ship and the gamblers are at risk from a gang of ruthless thieves. Directed by Ashley Lazarus.

3.25 Thames news headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. **4.15 Batfink.** (r) **4.20 T-Bag Bounces Back,** starring Elizabeth Estensen and Jennie Stallwood. **4.45 Dangermouse.** The first of a new series of the animated adventures of a Secret Service rodent and his timorous sidekick, Pentold.

5.00 Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy with another in his conservation series **5.15 Connections** presented by Sue Robbie.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.

6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.

7.00 The Newlywed Game. Gloria Hunniford test three newlywed couples on their knowledge of their respective partner.

7.30 Murder, She Wrote: Unfinished Business. Jessica investigates a ten-year-old murder case. Starring Angela Lansbury.

8.30 My Husband and I. Comedy series starring Mollie Sugden and William Moore. Nora is upset to discover that she is the last to know about what is to happen to Ashvale Advertising. Last in the series. (Oracle)

9.00 Yesterday's Dreams. The final episode of the drama serial and Diane has to choose between her lover and her ex-husand. Will she accept Don's proposal or find her re-kindled passion for Martin to strong to resist? The children, Matthew and Kate, have a hand in the decision. Starring Judy Loe, Paul Freeman, and Trevor Byfield. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart.

10.30 The London Programme: Maxwell's Daily News. An examination of why Robert Maxwell has taken such a high risk in launching a daily newspaper, aimed largely at the evening market, when analysts believe there is not room for two. Followed by **LWT News headlines.**

11.00 Snooker. The Dulux British Open from the Assembly Rooms, Derby.

12.15 New From London. The Bluebells in concert. Ends at **1.15.**

CHANNEL 4

1.45 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.

2.00 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces fifth round coverage of the Dulux British Open from the Assembly Rooms, Derby. The commentators are John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds, and Mark Wildman.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers contest is challenged by Darren Putt from Penzance.

5.00 Car 54, Where Are You?* Vintage American comedy series about two hapless New York policemen, this week, having trouble with a marriage broker. Starring Joe E Ross and Fred Gwynne.

5.30 The Tube. Among those appearing this week are Simply Red, Erasure, Los Lobos, Yargo, and Nightshift.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins includes a report on how the Kremlin's 'new thinking' is reflected on Russian television. **Weather.**

7.50 Book Choice. Julian Barnes discusses Michel Tournier's new novel, Gilles and Jeanne.

8.00 What the Papers Say Awards. Gerald Kaufman presents this year's awards at London's Savoy Hotel.

8.30 A Week in Politics. A look at the hi-tech behind the Greenwich by-election; and what the Ulster Unionists want from a hung Parliament.

9.00 E.R. Comedy series starring Elliott Gould as a world weary doctor working in the hectic Emergency Room of a busy inner city hospital. With Mary McDonnell as his dedicated doctor boss, Eve Shendan.

9.30 Fairly Secret Army. The crunch has arrived for Harry and his army as zero hour approaches and they have to march to the enemy's den. Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Diane Fletcher. (r) (Oracle)

10.00 Cheers. Frasier learns that his opponent in a local television debate on psychiatry is a woman he once dated. (Oracle) (see Choice)

10.30 Film: Obsession* (1948) starring Robert Newton, Sally Gray, Phil Brown and Naughton Wayne. A thriller about a doctor who takes revenge on his wife's lover by locking him in a cellar underneath a remote bomb site. He plans to kill him and then dispose of the body in an acid bath. Directed by Edward Dmytryk.

12.20 The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. The guests include Donny Osmond, Eve Pollard, and the leader of the New York Guardian Angels, Lisa Sliwa. Plus, Hank Wangford and Billy Budd. Ends at **1.05.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Sportfolio. **12.50am-12.55** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10.05am-10.25** SDP Conference. **10.50-11.00** Dotaman **11.05-12.20pm** SDP Conference **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **10.20-10.50** Left, Right, and Centre. **10.50-12.00** The Paperclip Conspiracy. **12.00-1.20am** Film: Dracula **1.20-1.25** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35 pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35-7.00** Fax. **12.50am-12.55** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES 10.15am-10.38** Outlook. **8.00pm-8.30** Public Account. **SCOTLAND 2.15pm-4.25** Conference 87. **8.00-8.30** Food and Drink **NORTHERN IRELAND 10.15am-10.38** Ceefax **8.00-8.30** A Question of Sport **ENGLAND 8.00pm-8.30 East:** East on Two. **Midlands:** Our Town **North:** Northern Lights. **North-east:** Northwards **Northwest:** NOW! **South:** South on Two – Inquiry. **South-west:** Natural Concern **West:** Day Out.

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Boom in the Moon* **3.00-3.30** Wish You Were Here...? **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **7.30-8.30** Magnum **10.30** Cross Question **11.30** Snooker **12.15am** Film: Hawkins: Death and the Maiden **1.35** Late Night Final, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Wish You Were Here...? **2.00** Film: Big Store* **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Shammy Dab **7.30-8.30** Magnum **10.30-11.00** Face the Public **12.15am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Ship That Died of Shame **3.15-3.30** One Cyclist **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Central Post **7.30-8.30** T J Hooker **10.30** Central Weekend **11.30** Snooker **12.15am** Jobfinder **1.15** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Bulman **2.30** Bygones **3.00** Wish You Were Here...? **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Channel Report **6.25** Weekend Diary **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30-11.00** Jersey 2,000 **12.15am** Mike Hammer **1.15** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Wish You Were Here...? **2.00** Tucker's Witch **2.55** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Smurfs **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.30-11.00** Crossfire **12.15am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **2.00** Tucker's Witch **3.00** Look Who's Talking **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **7.30-8.30 Magnum** 10.30 **Hunter** 11.30 **Snooker** 12.15am **What The European Papers Say** 12.30 **Special Squad** 1.25 **Closedown.**

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: The Beachcomber* **3.00-3.30** Wish You Were Here...? **6.00-7.00** News **7.30-8.30** T J Hooker **10.30** Weekend Starts Here! **11.30** Snooker **12.15am** Film: Clash by Night* **1.30** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30** Your Number's Up **11.00-12.15am** Snooker.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Live at One-thirty **2.00** Film: One Jump Ahead* **3.15** Sons and Daughters **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Never the Twain **7.30-8.30** Magnum **10.30** Scottish Assembly **11.30** Snooker **12.15am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Operation Bullshine* **3.00** Wish You Were Here...? **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32-11.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.15am** Postscript **12.20** Film: Death Cruise **1.41** Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Bulman **2.30** Bygones **3.00** Wish You Were Here...? **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Coast To Coast **6.30-7.00** Challenge of the South **10.30-11.00** Facing South **12.15am** Mike Hammer **1.15** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Disorderly Orderly **3.00-3.30** Wish You Were Here...? **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** What Would You Do? **10.32** Extra Time **11.30** Snooker **12.15am** Family Conciliation **12.25** Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30-3.30** Film: Iron Mistress* **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.30-7.00** Password **7.30-8.30** Falcon Crest **10.30** Witness **10.35** Big Band TV Disco Show **11.05** That's Hollywood **11.30** Snooker **12.15am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** Film: Kill Me Tomorrow* **3.00-3.30** Wish You Were Here...? **6.00-7.00** Calendar **7.30-8.30** Knight Rider **10.30-11.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.15am** Tales From The Darkside **12.45** Jobfinder **1.45** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.25am** Ysgolion **12.00** Interval **12.25pm** Blitz on Britain **1.45** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Snooker **4.05** 5 Lon Goch **4.20** Smyrffs **4.45** Chwarter Call **5.00** Llygad y Ddraig **5.30** The Tube **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Am y Corau **8.05** Cyfyng Gyngor **8.35** Y Byd ar Bedwar **9.35** Film: My Beautiful Laundrette **11.25** Consuming Hunger **12.25am** Closedown.

Weather boys meet the singing girls: Les Dawson with the Beverley Sisters and weather men in Blankety Blank (BBC1, 7.40pm)

Business of murder: Robert Newton (right) as a homicidal husband determined to kill his wife's lover. Obsession (Ch4, 10.30pm)

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo in VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Singled Out (Janice Long) **7.00** Andy Peebles **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show.
VHF Stereo radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except 8.00pm, 9.00). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. 8.20-8.40 Interval. Martin Muncaster on the Sail Training Association 9.30 The Organist Entertains 10.00 Stanley Black 10.30 Vince Hill 11.00 Stuart Hall 1.00am Bill Rennells 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Nashville Cats 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Pierre Fournier 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Sleuths on the Scent 10.00 News 10.01 Sing Gospel 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 10.30 Business Matters 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 In the Meantime 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz For The Asking 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook. Opening with News Summary 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The European Community 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science in Action 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music Now 9.45 The Wind in the Willows 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From The Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 About Britain 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Sing Gospel 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Alternative Proms 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Here's Humph! (until 4.45) 5.45 The World Today. Times GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only) The Uses of Learning.

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert. Weber, arr Mahler, Intermezzo: Die Drei Pintos (Act 2) (National PO under Kurt Herbert Adler) Elgar, Spanish serenade, Op 23; The Snow, Op 26 No 1; Fly singing bird, Op 26 No 2 (Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and RLPO under Sir Charles Groves); Janacek, Mladi (Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); Henze, Telemanniana (Berlin RSO under Gerd Albrecht).

8.00 News

8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Scarlatti, Sonatas in E major (Kk 380 and 381) (Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Handel, Softly sweet in Lydian measures (Alexander's Feast) (Mostly Mozart Orchestra, with Arleen Schwarz, soprano); Mozart, arr Süssmayr, Horn Concerto No 1, in D (K 412) (ECO, with Barry Tuckwell, horn); Casella, Scarlattina (Berlin RSO with Marisa Tenzini, piano).

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composer. Dowland: Lachrimae. Flow my teares; Lachrimae or Seaven Teares, and Gaillard to Lachrimae.

9.50 Northern Sinfonia, under Richard Hickox, with the Sinfonia Chorus. Parry, Lady Radnor's Suite; Vaughan Williams, Five variants of Dives and Lazarus; Finzi, Prelude and romance, for string orchestra; Cyril Rootham, City in the West.

10.40 Strauss. Symphony for 16 wind instruments (From a Happy Workshop). Netherlands Wind Ensemble under Edo de Waart.

11.25 Musicians of the Royal Exchange play John Field's Piano Quintet in A flat, and Wolf-Ferrari's Piano Quintet in D flat, Op 6.

12.15 Midday Prom, live from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Janos Furst and Alun Hoddinott, with Janet Hilton (clarinet). Part one: Beethoven's Overture: Leonora No 3, and the first performance of Hoddinott's Clarinet Concerto No 2.

1.00 News

1.05 Alkan, Rossini and Others. Four short stories about the lives of composers, read by Edward de Souza.

1.20 Midday Prom. Part two: Nielsen's Symphony No 5.

2.05 Schumann. Davidsbündlertänze, with Julia Cload (piano).

2.45 Mahler. Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen. BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Jacek Kasprzk, with Stephen Roberts (baritone).

3.10 The Cobbett Phantasies. Simon Rowland-Jones (viola) and Neil Immelman (piano) play Benjamin Dale's Phantasy, Op 4, and Arnold Bax's Sonata for viola and piano (1922).

4.00 Choral Evensong, recorded at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban.

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Mainly for Pleasure, presented by Fritz Spiegel.

6.55 News

7.00 Elgar. BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under James Clark plays Overture: In the South (Alassio), Op 50.

7.30 Les corbeaux (The Scavengers), by Henry Becque. Bitter observation of the behaviour of creditors and family when the patriarch is revealed to have died.

9.30 Bochmann Quartet, with Roger Tapping (viola), Andrew Shulman (cello) and Penelope Walker (contralto). Hoddinott's String Quartet No 1, and Grace Williams's Six poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins, for contralto and string sextet.

10.00 Joaquin Achucarro (piano) plays works by Falla, Albeniz and Debussy.

10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Jiri Starek, plays Elgar's Serenade in E minor, Op 20, and Dvorak's Serenade in E, Op 22.

11.35 Machaut Layers. Machaut's lai: Pour ce qu'on puist set with musical accompaniment by Geoffrey Poole.

11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sir Michael Hordern in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s)

9.45 Feedback. Christopher Dunkley with your comments and queries about the BBC.

10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world.

10.30 Morning Story. The Lion and the Lizard, by Michael Wherly. Read by Garard Green.

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Travel; The Apostle of Austerity. A portrait of Sir Stafford Cripps, whose personal convictions were seen to be the roots of his public image as the personification of austeity.

11.48 Being Human. John Gribbin investigates the relationship between man and chimp. 2: In Praise of Sociobiology.

12.00 News; The Food Programme with Derek Cooper

12.27 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (new series). Six anarchic tales from demob days. 1: Transport of Delight **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, presented by Brian Widlake. News

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Women's Hour with Marjorie Lofthouse in Birmingham. With cutbacks in local government grants hitting the library service, Marian Foster reports on the Library Association's new campaign to save the service by appealing to all readers.

3.00 News: Martin Chuzzlewit, by Charles Dickens, dramatized in 10 episodes. 3: Banished.

4.00 News

4.05 Inside Job. An intimate view of working life in Lancashire. (2) Phil Smith listens to the experiences of the teachers.

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Repeat of last night's edition.

5.00 PM. News magazine. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 The Six O'Clock News, with Pauline Bushnell. Financial report.

6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs and the team survey the world of travel and transport.

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week. Stephen Fry chooses some of the best moments from the last seven days of BBC television and radio broadcasting (s)

8.20 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Birmingham are Lord Young (Employment Secretary), Geoffrey Robinson MP, Professor Lewis Walpert and Polly Toynbee (Guardian columnist).

9.05 Law in Action. Weekly magazine about law and legal practices presented by Joshua Rozenberg.

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.45 Kaleidoscope. The Boyle family talk about their work, reproducing spots on the Earth's surface as works of art. They include a section of Holland Park pavement and a section of Swiss motorway.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert (5) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.00 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Week Ending (s) Satirical review

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting: Voix de France. French VI 5: Lamartine, Vigny, Musset

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NATIONAL SAVINGS

DEPOSIT BONDS

England standing four-square before crown of Europe

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

As Bobby Robson celebrated his 54th birthday and an England "double" in Spain on Wednesday night, he declared that "we are on the edge of some success". He feels, in other words, that his side could be crowned as the champions of Europe next summer. He is not alone.

The Spaniards, defeated only once since the spring of 1985, were officially rated as the top nation on the Continent. Yet their hold on the title, and on the friendly international in the Bernabeu Stadium, lasted for less than an hour. They were not merely beaten. They were humiliated.

"When we were 4-1 up we were in the process of giving them a tanking", Robson said. "We had chances to go six or even seven ahead. We've done well in Brazil and in the Soviet Union over the last few years but that was perhaps our best display since I've been in charge."

Without question, it was the most positive. The victory in Rio de Janeiro in 1984 was gloriously unexpected, as was the triumph in Tbilisi last season. But England's belief has now become so irrepressible that no one even considered the possibility of defeat on Wednesday. Robson himself thought that "we would win 2-1".

As England's snowball of confidence bounces down the hill, it is inconceivable that they will not reach the finals of the European championship in West Germany. So strong is the collective spirit in the party that they would regard even the dropping of a point in the qualifying stages as a failure.

The team are settled, balanced and fearless. As Robson says: "We have players who have good attacking technique. The front two, as well as Hoddle, Waddle, Robson and Hodge, will all create chances for us and, with Lineker in there, the odds are that we will convert them".

In claiming all four of England's goals, Lineker joined an elite list that includes the likes of Bloomer, Woodward, Camsell (though their feats are part of ancient history), Lawton and Mortensen (both against Portugal in 1947), Finney, Hunt and Greaves. Only a dozen Englishmen have scored more during their international careers.

After only 17 full appearances, Lineker's strike rate is the highest since the war. With 18 goals so far, he could, in Robson's opinion, surpass Greaves's total (44) and even Bobby Charlton's record (49). "But he won't do that on his own. He will have to be in a good team and, at the moment, he is".

The contribution of Beardsley, though overshadowed by his prolific partner, should not be ignored. An admirable foil for Lineker, he ran after everything that moved. So, more surprisingly, did Waddle, whose performance was his most notable for England.

Hoddle, belatedly given a central role, and Bryan Robson before he grew weary, both advanced regularly into the front line and both struck the woodwork. Robson left his captain and namesake on "because I wanted him to have the honour of leading the side off after they had played so well".

He defended the substitution of Shilton as Spain were preparing to take a corner. "We tend to be over-protective. I am a great believer in Woods, anyway, and what happens if Shilton, who defied his critics before retiring, breaks his arm in a competitive match? We have to be ready for emergencies".

As it happened, Woods was as active in the closing half-hour as his predecessor had been in the opening hour. Spain, with four fresh pairs of legs, at least finished with a flourish and reminded Adams, whose debut was described as "satisfactory", that the international arena can be a demanding place.

Butragueno had convinced him early on but the difference between the two sides was that Spain's outstanding figure was expected to act as their designer and executioner. While he was at work his own defence, already weakened by injury, was being dismantled by five architects and the most merciless finisher in the world.

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FA push for travel halt

The Football Association plans to renew their demands for Government action to stop football supporters travelling abroad in the wake of the violence before and after England's match in Spain.

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, will raise the controversial topic when he and football league officials meet Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, next Monday.

Three English supporters were stabbed and 18 others arrested before Wednesday night's game in Madrid, although there were no incidents inside the Bernabeu stadium.

"If we get the names of the people who were arrested, I hope the Government will take steps to stop them going abroad." Mr Croker said.

Souness: pictured after receiving his award yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

Hoddle would shine in Italy

Glenn Hoddle could be as big a personality as the French ace, Michel Platini, if he moved into Italian football. Ian Rush might be going to Italy at the wrong time, while Diego Maradona would find it hard going if he ever came to Britain.

Glasgow Rangers manager Graeme Souness, speaking at the Guinness Sports Writers' lunch in London, had no doubt on all three issues. "I think Hoddle would be a sensation in Italy," he says. "He is the most talented player in Britain today and Italy is made for midfield players. "There they give you time to make your passes and they only play 30 games. He would be as big as Platini in Italy. That is how good he is."

Souness is more doubtful about the impact that Ian Rush will make when he moves from Liverpool to Juventus at the end of the present season. "Rush, with Gary Lineker, is the most lethal striker in the world and I think he will score goals everywhere he goes. But I am a little concerned about the time he is going.

"Juventus are the team bar none in Italy. But they have two or three players who have passed their peak and I can only wonder at what sort of service Rush will get." As for Maradona Souness had doubts whether he could be successful in British football. "The way the game is played here would not give him so much time to produce his skills," he said.

Somerset bitter over Crowe's forced absence

Somerset are to protest to the Test and County Cricket Board after hearing that Martin Crowe, their New Zealand Test batsman, will be unavailable for the first three weeks of the English season.

Bob Vance, the chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Council, said yesterday that Crowe's request to miss the tour had been turned down, although he added that the player might be be allowed to leave early, on May 10, after the third Test and before the two one-day matches start.

Crowe, who signed a three-year contract with Somerset after they dismissed their established overseas players, West Indians Viv Richards and Joel Garner, had hoped to join the county in April, at the start of the season.

Vance apologised to the county, and said that the tour had been arranged at short notice, which prompted a county official to add that Somerset would discuss the problems of players having too many Test matches and tours, with the TCCB.

Michael Hill, the Somerset chairman, said: "We are disappointed that this tour was put into the programme after we had agreed terms with Crowe.

"However, everyone in cricket is bound by the terms of the ICC agreement, which states that international cricket takes precedence over domestic commitments. Neither Martin Crowe nor Somerset have any choice in the matter, now that New Zealand have made this decision."

Ironically, John Wright, the New Zealand vice-captain, was granted his request to miss the tour. The opening batsman, who plays for Derbyshire, will miss two months of his benefit with the county because of the World Cup, and this, plus his long commitment to New Zealand cricket, won his release.

● The three-match series that the West Indies starting in Wellington today will confirm or refute suspicions that the team which has dominated Test cricket for a decade, has started to decline at last (Richard Streeton writes).

New Zealand have achieved the second-best results among the world's Test-playing countries in recent years and will provide a tough challenge for Viv Richard's ageing and travel-weary side.

It was in the shared series in Pakistan, shortly before Christmas, that the first hint came that West Indies might no longer be the force they were. Further uneven performances came in recent one-day matches in Australia.

It will be important for the West Indies' chances that Richards — who has never played in New Zealand — lifts his players so that they are at their best. Like a party of latter-day Flying Dutchmen, several of the side, perhaps, have been condemned by their board, to circle the globe ceaselessly, for too long.

Gooch is back in England reckoning

By Marcus Williams

John Emburey, the Middlesex all-rounder, will captain England in a four-nation, one-day tournament in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, at the start of April. The 13-man party, to be managed by Mickey Stewart, includes Graham Gooch, who was unavailable for the recent tour of Australia, and three young, uncapped players: Bailey, Fairbrother and Capel.

The recall of Gooch, who will be vice-captain, indicates that he remains very much in the minds of the selectors despite his self-imposed absence from the main winter tour.

Mike Gatting, England's successful captain in Australia, and six other members of the side — Athey and Slack, who are unfit, and Botham, Dilley, Gower and Lamb — were not available for Sharjah. This has provided an opportunity of overseas international experience for the Northamptonshire pair, Bailey and Capel, and the Lancashire left-hander, Fairbrother.

Bailey, aged 23, a hard-hitting batsman, was in England's side on their previous visit to Sharjah, in March 1985, when they lost to Australia by two wickets and to Pakistan by 43 runs.

Fairbrother, also aged 23, is a fluent stroke-maker and outstanding fielder befitting one with the forenames of the famous Australian, Neil Harvey, and Capel, aged 24, has made steady progress as a fast-medium bowler and middle-order batsman.

Of the other eight members of the party, all went to Australia except for Robinson, the Nottinghamshire opening batsman, whom many considered unfortunate not to make the trip. Of those who went to Australia and were available for Sharjah, only French has not been selected, the selectors opting for Richards, the superior batsman.

England will leave on March 29 or 30 for the tournament, which will be decided on a league basis with all four teams playing each other once. The prize for the winners will be $30,000 (about £20,000), with $25,000 for the runners-up, $20,000 for third place and $15,000 for fourth.

PARTY: J E Emburey (Middlesex, captain), G A Gooch (Essex, vice-captain), B C Broad (Nottinghamshire), R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire), J J Whitaker (Leicestershire), R J Bailey (Northamptonshire), N H Fairbrother (Lancashire), D J Capel (Northamptonshire), C J Richards (Surrey), P A J DeFreitas (Leicestershire), G C Small (Warwickshire), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), N A Foster (Essex).

MATCHES: Apr 2: England v India; Apr 3: Pakistan v Australia; Apr 5: India v Australia; Apr 7: England v Pakistan; Apr 9: England v Australia; Apr 10: India v Pakistan.

Searching for a British tennis saviour

From Richard Evans, Indian Wells, California

Roy Emerson and Fred Stolle, the two former champions many people would like to see take British tennis by the scruff of the neck, are both, regretfully, unable to apply for the job. But the LTA are bound to be deluged with inquiries as the news of a shake-up in the British game circulates round the tennis community which is currently camped here.

Emerson and Stolle, who played each other in the 1964 and 1965 Wimbledon finals, spoke about the jobs that have become available in British tennis from their respective Florida headquarters yesterday.

"I have a contract here at Williams Island for the next two years so any full-time commitment would be out," said Emerson who, like Stolle at nearby Turnberry Isle, is tennis director of a luxury complex just north of Miami.

Stolle was more curious about precisely what the job entails but said he was not considering applying for it.

Here in the Californian desert, locker-room talk centred on a handful of names:

Tony Roche: this former Wimbledon doubles champion has worked wonders for Ivan Lendl's grasscourt game. However, Roche is not the sort of person who is going to bang on the LTA's door. And, like all the other top men in his field, a salary of £75,000 a year will have to be considered. That may seem like a king's ransom but it is not too big a slice out of the £6 million Wimbledon hand over each year.

Tony Pickard: This long-time critic of LTA coaching methods has now proved himself in the trenches as the motivating force behind Stefan Edberg, who has recently risen to No. 2 in the world. Former Wimbledon champion, Vic Seixas, mentioned Pickard as a prime candidate when I spoke to him here.

"It would be good to have someone who has a British background," Seixas, who will be refereeing the Davis Cup tie in Mexico next month, said.

Warren Jacques: A contemporary of Emerson and Stolle, this Texas-based Australian has done well while guiding the careers of Wimbledon finalist Kevin Curren, and Australian Open finalist, Steve Denton. He spoke with Paul Hutchins some years ago and yesterday told me: "I'm definitely interested and will probably apply."

Bob Brett: This little Harry Hopman protégé has won the respect of the players he has worked for the past six years

Pavel Slozil: At 32, the youngest of those qualified for the job, this popular Czech has risen quickly in people's esteem as a coach after working with Swiss Davis Cup player, Jakob Hlasek, for the past two years. At the end of 1986 he left Hlašek to accept one of the most coveted jobs in the game: that of coach to West Germany's Steffi Graf.

● Boris Becker fell flat on his face here at Indian Wells during his victory over Tim Wilkison, of America, in the Pilot Pen Classic. But, as Ion Tiriac had warned, miracles are not worked overnight.

RESULTS: Indian Wells Men's Classic: Second round: T Benhabiles (Fr) bt L Stefanki (US) 6-2, 6-3; J Nystrom (Swe) bt M Anger (US) 6-2, 7-5; M Srejber (Cz) bt D Goldie (US) 6-0, 6-4; J Hlasek (Swit) bt D Perez (Uru) 6-3, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt S Casal (Sp) 6-3, 6-0; K Carlsson (Swe) bt C Van Rensburg (SA) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; S Davis (US) bt G Muller (SA) 6-4, 6-0; E Sanchez (Sp) bt K Novacek (Cz) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; T Tulasne (Fr) bt E Jelen (WG) 6-2, 6-0; B Becker (WG) bt T Wilkison (US) 7-5, 6-4; T Witsken (US) bt J Arias (US) 6-4, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt P Arraya (Peru) 6-3, 6-3.

MP urges probe into satellite racing deal

By John Goodbody

Jerry Hayes, Conservative MP for Harlow, is urging the Home Office to set up an inquiry into bookmakers' finances, following the investigation in *The Times* this week into the domination of the new racing television service by Ladbrokes, Mecca, Coral and William Hill.

Mr. Hayes' Parliamentary question will be answered by the Home Office today, amid mounting fears in racing about the deal that gives the Big Four bookmakers 45 per cent of Satellite Information Services, which will be able to screen horse and greyhound racing in Britain's 10,200 betting shops.

Mr. Hayes said: "My concern is primarily for the small bookmaker and the punter. The small bookmaker is likely to be taken over. It is surely not healthy that the Big Four have such control over racing. They seem to dominate just about everything.

"This is just the sort of thing into which the Monopolies and Mergers Commission should inquire."

The two articles in *The Times* explained how the Big Four, whose 4,000 shops have more than 50 per cent of all betting office turnover in Britain's £4 billion racing industry, have acquired their position of power.

The Office of Fair Trading is already making inquiries under both the 1980 Competition Act and the 1976 Restrictive Trade Practices Act. Protests have also been made to the Home Office Minister, Mr. Douglas Hogg, and to the EEC's Competition Directorate in Brussels.

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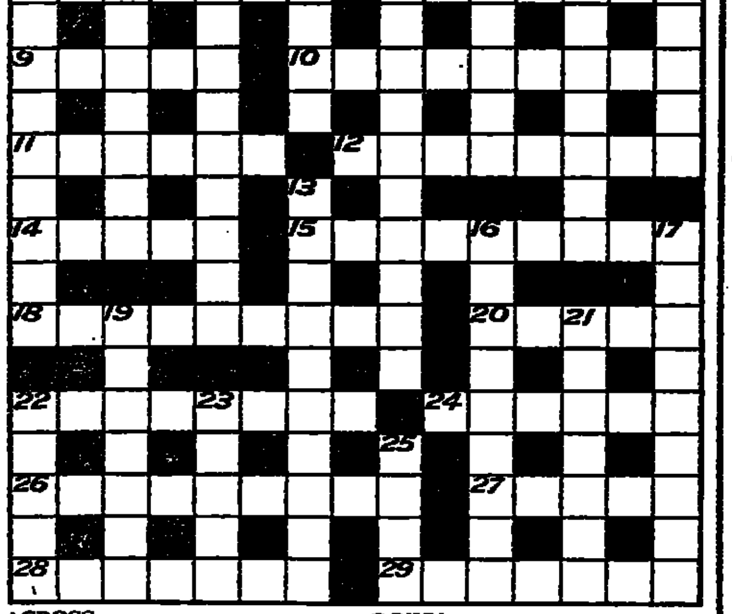

ACROSS

1 Party took in Elaine's son (7).
5 Give some weight to a coin (7).
9 A lot of noise — scholar takes its measure (5).
10 Bird — a duck, say, or a parrot (9).
11 When touring, always include this county (6).
12 Blow up a dock (5-3).
14 Empty hotel outside a European capital (5).
15 Not agreeing to put foes to rout (3,2,4).
18 Redhead, a little cracker (6,3).
20 Present side has eleven rabbits to start with (5).
22 He appears in court, having fired one gun about 1st November (8).
24 Lance, the albino, is talking perhaps (6).
26 It's used to thicken plant, we hear (9).
27 Seaman gets into bunk to rest for the night (5).
28 Signal entails some encipherment (7).
29 Drunkard's wandering ends in this (7).

DOWN

1 Can't find a purchaser? Solicitors do (2,7).
2 Shy writer makes a bloomer (7).
3 Henry declined any fee, showing a modicum of perceptiveness (4,2,3).
4 Stuff a bird (4).
5 Guillotine — EEC adapt it, making changes (10).
6 Feast with mouth opened wide (5).
7 Bob for instance produces musical in shortened form (7).
8 Everyone has to put up share (5).
13 One broke after 12, perhaps (4-3-3).
16 Carry off uniform's decorative fastening and border (4-5).
17 Left Percy out altogether (9).
19 One with an aptitude for pontoon (7).
21 Beginner sporting a rosette — that's characteristic (7).
22 Fastens hair (5).
23 The foreman has no right to make a mistake (5).
25 A melody that's raised (4).

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The solution to the Puzzle No 17,284 will appear on February 26

WEATHER

General situation: An Atlantic front will affect northern areas. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with rain or drizzle in some areas. Temperatures will be close to normal. NW and NE England and N Wales will be cloudy and very cold, with rain or drizzle and some snow, especially in hilly districts. Central and S England, S Wales and the Channel Islands will have some sunshine, but there will be a few snow showers, especially in E Anglia and SE England. It will be very cold with a strong northeasterly wind. Outlook for the weekend: Some snow on Saturday, less cold and brighter on Sunday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	10	50	Malta	s	19	66
Akrotiri	s	17	63	Melb'rne	s	36	97
Alex'dria	f	19	66	Mexico C*	s	21	70
Algiers	th	4	39	Miami*	r	22	72
Amst'dm	s	1	34	Milan	sn	0	32
Athens	s	15	59	Montreal*	s	10	14
Bahrain	f	23	73	Moscow	sn	-2	28
Barbads*	f	29	84	Munich	sn	-3	27
Barcelna				Nairobi	c	28	82
Beirut				Naples	c	13	55
Belgrade	s	12	54	N Delhi	s	23	73
Berlin	sn	-1	30	N York*	s	2	36
Bermuda*				Nice	c	8	46
Biarritz	f	4	39	Oslo	f	-8	18
Borde'x	sn	1	34	Paris	c	-1	30
Brussels	sn	-1	30	Peking			
Budapst	c	4	39	Perth	c	23	73
B Aires*	s	32	90	Prague	f	-1	30
Cairo	s	22	72	Reykjvik	r	6	43
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Rhodes	s	16	61
C'blanca	c	13	55	Rio de J	c	27	81
Chicago*	s	3	37	Rio de J	f	28	82
Ch'church	f	17	63	Riyadh	f	23	73
Cologne	sn	0	32	Rome	c	12	54
C'phagn	sn	-7	19	Salzburg	c	0	32
Corfu	f	13	55	S Frisco*	s	13	55
Dublin	c	6	43	Santiago*	s	30	86
Dubrovnik	c	11	52	S Paulo*	c	25	77
Faro	s	12	54	Seoul	f	6	43
Florence	f	12	54	Sing'por	f	31	88
Frankfurt	c	-1	30	St'kholm	s	-6	21
Funchal	c	16	61	Strasb'rg	c	-1	30
Geneva	c	0	32	Sydney	s	27	81
Gibraltar	s	11	52	Tangier	f	11	52
Helsinki	c	-5	23	Tel aviv	c	18	64
Hong K	c	19	66	Tenerife			
Innsbrck	sn	-1	30	Tokyo	s	7	45
Istanbul	c	9	48	Toronto*	s	-6	21
Jeddah	s	29	84	Tunis	c	12	54
Jo'burg*	f	28	82	Valencia	f	8	46
Karachi	s	25	77	Vanc'ver*	c	5	41
L Palmas	s	19	66	Venice	r	5	41
Le Tquet				Vienna	c	4	39
Lisbon	s	10	50	Warsaw	c	3	37
Locarno	sn	1	34	Wash'ton*	s	7	45
L Angels*	s	19	66	Wel'nton	s	17	63
Luxembg	c	-3	27	Zurich	sn	-2	28

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro					
Bridlington	8.3	.09	5	41	sunny
Cromer	3.4	.02	3	37	bright
Lowestoft	3.8	.07	3	37	snow
Clacton	3.6	-	3	37	bright
Southend	5.6	-	3	37	snow
Margate	-	.12	2	36	snow
Folkestone	-	.17	2	36	snow
Hastings	2.7	.07	3	37	snow
Eastbourne	5.1	.02	3	37	snow
Brighton	5.5	-	4	39	snow
Worthing	6.3	-	5	41	snow
Littlehmptn	6.9	.02	5	41	snow
Bognor R	6.9	-	4	39	sunny
Southsea	6.7	-	4	39	sunny
Sandown	7.3	-	4	39	snow
Shanklin	6.6	.01	4	39	snow
Bournemth	6.8	-	4	39	snow
Poole	7.5	-	4	39	snow
Swanage	6.4	-	4	39	snow
Weymouth	7.6	-	5	41	snow
Exmouth	7.2	-	5	41	sunny
Teignmouth	7.2	-	5	41	sunny
Torquay	7.4	-	5	41	sunny
Falmouth					
Penzance	9.6	-	6	43	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.9	.01	6	43	sunny
Jersey	4.4	.04	5	41	snow
Guernsey	3.8	.03	5	41	snow
Newquay	8.6	-	-	-	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	5	41	sunny
Minehead	6.7	-	5	41	sunny
B'pool Airpt	7.3	-	5	41	sunny
Morecambe	9.3	-	5	41	sunny
Douglas	2.5	.04	3	37	bright
B'ham Airpt	7.6	-	4	39	snow
Bristol (Ctrl)	8.4	-	5	41	sunny
Carlisle	6.2	-	5	41	sunny
Manchester	7.5	-	5	41	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	7.4	.02	5	41	shower
Nottingham	7.1	.02	4	39	sunny
Anglesey	2.3	-	5	41	snow
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.9	-	5	41	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	-	5	41	bright
Tenby	8.4	-	6	43	sunny
Aberdeen	5.0	.01	4	39	sunny
Edinburgh	4.5	-	6	43	bright
Eskdalemuir	5.5	-	4	39	sunny
Glasgow	7.8	-	6	43	sunny
Kinloss	3.4	.07	5	41	shower
Lerwick	[illegible]	.04	4	39	snow
Prestwick	6.6	-	5	41	sunny
Stornoway	-	.14	6	43	shower
Tiree	2.7	.01	6	43	rain
Wick	5.0	.08	4	39	sunny
Belfast	5.9	.02	5	41	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures
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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.25	6.6	5.58	6.4
Aberdeen	5.13	3.6	5.23	3.9
Avonmouth	10.55	11.9	11.12	11.2
Belfast	2.47	3.1	3.17	3.4
Cardiff	10.40	11.0	10.57	10.4
Devonport	9.02	5.0	9.27	4.8
Dover	2.27	6.2	2.51	5.9
Falmouth	8.32	4.8	8.57	4.6
Glasgow	4.32	4.6	4.44	4.9
Harwich	3.27	3.7	3.59	3.6
Holyhead	1.59	5.0	2.15	5.1
Hull	10.14	6.8	10.26	6.8
Ilfracombe	9.43	8.1	10.06	7.8
Leith	6.33	4.8	6.52	5.0
Liverpool	2.51	8.5	3.07	8.6
Lowestoft	12.56	2.4	1.41	2.0
Margate	3.22	4.5	4.04	4.3
Milford Haven	10.03	6.3	10.26	5.9
Newquay	8.58	6.3	9.22	6.0
Oban	9.19	3.5	9.43	3.3
Penzance	8.09	5.1	8.36	4.8
Portland	10.22	1.7	10.49	1.5
Portsmouth	3.13	4.4	3.28	4.1
Shoreham	2.39	5.8	3.02	5.5
Southampton	2.35	4.3	2.53	4.1
Swansea	10.03	8.6	10.26	8.2
Tees	7.38	4.7	7.51	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	3.21	4.0	3.53	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.55	19.45
Belgium Fr	61.60	58.20
Canada $	2.105	2.005
Denmark Kr	11.03	10.43
Finland Mkk	7.41	6.91
France Fr	9.73	9.23
Germany Dm	2.935	2.775
Greece Dr	225	205
Hong Kong $	12.25	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.104	1.044
Italy Lira	2085	1965
Japan Yen	248	234
Netherlands Gld	3.31	3.13
Norway Kr	11.15	10.55
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	3.90	3.20
Spain Pta	203.5	193.5
Sweden Kr	10.38	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.465	2.335
USA $	1.585	1.515
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	810

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 394.5

London: The *FT* Index closed down 12.6 at 1542.5.

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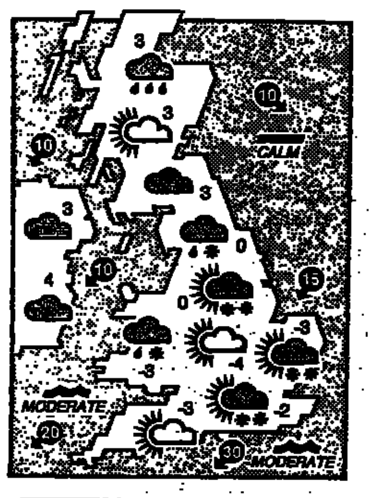

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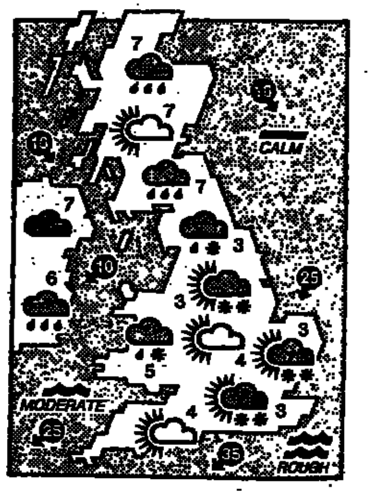


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.54 pm to 6.34 am
Bristol 6.04 pm to 6.43 am
Edinburgh 5.57 pm to 6.55 am
Manchester 5.58 pm to 6.46 am
Penzance 6.18 pm to 6.53 am

LONDON

Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Humidity: 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.0 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -2C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5 hr.

The London and Manchester figures are Wednesday's.

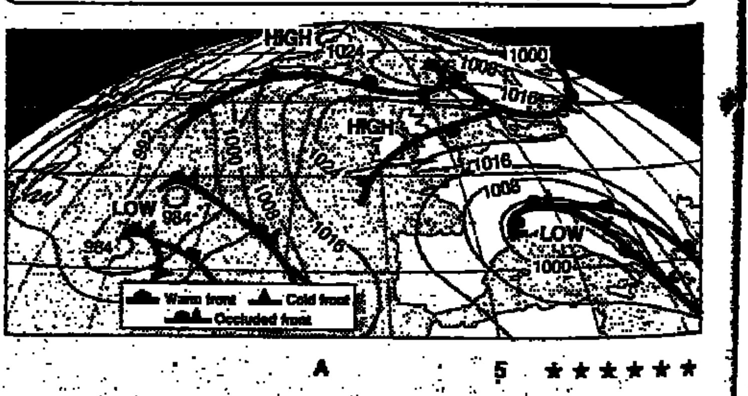
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	6	43	Guernsey	c	2	36
B'ngham	s	4	39	Inverness	c	6	43
Blackpool	c	3	37	Jersey	f	5	41
Bristol	s	5	41	London	sn	3	37
Cardiff	f	4	39	M'nchster	f	2	36
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	r	3	37
Glasgow	f	7	45	R'ldsway	c	5	41

Sun rises: 7.06 am
Sun sets: 5.24 pm
Moon rises: 12.25 am
Moon sets: 9.10 am
Last Quarter Tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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